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PACIFIC COAST PROVINCIAL

PROVINCIAL NOTES.

BY MAJOR FYNN.

The Colonel was no sooner back from his Los Angeles campaign than he rushed off to conduct a meeting at San Jose. Brigadier Wood, Major Fynn and the P. H. Q. Band were also privileged to take part in the week-end campaign. Great interest prevailed. Crowds were grand. Three souls came to the mercy-seat as a result.

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Major and Mrs. Reid conducted the weekly united holiness meeting. Three persons sought the blessing of a clean heart. This reminds us that the Major and his wife are the new Provincial Social Superintendents, and have taken hold of their new work. They are going in to do their best to save souls and extend the Kingdom of God.

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The new S. S. S. is getting matters in hand for the interests of the young people, and the furtherance of the war in this direction.

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Adjutant Wolfe, who with his wife and Lieutenant Shipp, has taken charge of the work at Los Angeles No. 2, has had quite a sickness since going South, and has been confined to his bed for over a week. However, recovering, we are glad to say.

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Glad to extend a welcome [illegible] a bright and successful time.

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Ensign Stooksberry has returned from furlough and will assist the officers in Redlands, Pasadena, and a few other places in connection with the Self-Denial effort in the Southern California Division.

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The work in San Francisco is still pushing forward. The soul-saving record is of a very gratifying character, and we give God all the glory.

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Major Harris writes: "Adjutant and Mrs. Coe have already been heartily welcomed and have taken good hold of the Honolulu corps. Their helpers, Lieutenant Jensen and Comrade Riddell, are also proving themselves to be in the right place. We extend you our warmest 'Aloha,' and bespeak a useful and blessed stay in our midst."

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Lieutenant Smith is again in Hawaii, and has gone to assist Lieutenant Davis at Waimea for a few days.

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"Time is short! If thou wouldst work for God
It must be now;
If thou wouldst wear the garland for thy brow,
Go forth with staff in hand while yet 'tis day,
Set out with girded loins upon the way.
Redeem the time!"

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA NOTES.

BY MAJOR CONNETT.

The wonderful councils of the General over, we turned our faces Westward towards Southern California and home. California never looked so beautiful to us as it did when we crossed the line from Arizona. The sun was shining in all its brilliancy, birds warbling, flowers blooming, orange groves glistening with their fruit of gold, while over all hung a perfect sky.

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A series of welcome-home meetings had been arranged during our absence, including officers' councils and banquets. Colonel French very kindly conducted these meetings, and in doing so sacrificed not a little, as having meetings of a like character in San Francisco, he had but one day at Provincial Headquarters for business matters after returning from the East, and then rushing back to Los Angeles, nearly 500 miles, for these gatherings, an effort which we thoroughly appreciate.

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Los Angeles officers in charge of corps and institutions, and comrades gave us most hearty greetings and welcome home. The first meeting of this series was held at No. 2 corps Saturday evening. The band, with a fine line of soldiers, took part in the open-air meeting. The hall was filled with a typical Army audience, who were much interested in every part of the service. The D. O. spoke of the great meetings attended in New York. Previous to the united holiness meeting, conducted by Colonel French, Sunday morning, at No. 1 hall, we had a fine outdoor meeting and street parade, headed by a full band, which helped to attract an exceptionally large audience. The Colonel's first entrance into the hall was received with a hearty welcome such as could not be measured by degrees; it was spontaneous and sincere.

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The Colonel's earnest delivery of the Bible lesson indic[illegible] fully realized the importance [illegible] not spare himself, [illegible] the people, urging [illegible] and usefulness. [illegible] the day [illegible] that of [illegible] could [illegible]

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No. 1 corps was favored again in t[illegible] noon by the P. O. A real spirit of liberty in testimony, heartiness of song, and rejoicing amongst the soldiers and Christian friends present was enjoyable to say the least. The Colonel made the most of this meeting, as he usually does, in pressing home solid Scriptural truth.

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Mrs. Major Connett held forth at No. 2 corps in the afternoon, and was assisted by Lieutenant Shipp. The results of their effort seemed to even up with No. 1 in crowds, finances and conversions.

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Colonel French, with Major and Mrs. Connett, had a turn at No. 2 at night. One of the largest marches we have seen for some time, with brass band to the front, under the leadership of our faithful comrade, Bandmaster Ebert, turned out in honor of the visit. The hall contained its utmost capacity before the indoor meeting commenced. The earnestness of the comrades and the fervent prayer, the close attention with which the Colonel's address was followed, was very marked. There was no deviation from the truth in what he said, and while embodying a broad Scriptural basis, he hewed close to the line in the matter of wickedness of all kinds, and warned his hearers most faithfully of its consequences in life and eternity. Tears of sorrow were seen and souls who had sinned sought forgiveness in this meeting.

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Thirty-four officers met in council Monday afternoon. A unity of spirit prevailed from the commencement to the close. Matters of importance were taken up, including the subject of Self-Denial, and we believe this blessed gathering, with its inspiring influences, proved a spiritual help to each one present.

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A welcome banquet followed the council, which was kindly prepared by the officers of the city corps and city institutions and the comrades, and proved to be a bounteous affair. We are thankful for this token of thought and kindness from the hands of our co-workers.

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We had every reason to expect one of the largest congregations of the campaign present at No. 1 hall, for the united wind-up at night, but the heavy downpour of rain, with which Los Angeles was visited, prevented this. The band, and a good rank of brothers, braved the storm for a march previous to indoor meeting which, after all, was grandly attended. The visiting officers reported. Ensign Hughes, the latest arrival from the East, favored us with a good song. Ensign Woodward, the officer in charge of No. 1, requested and raised a $10 collection, and the Colonel closed with a talk full of instruction. The Spirit's presence was evidenced by a deep conviction as he stated the truth courageously and ably. The backsliders were aroused; they were given to feel that God was ever ready to receive His repentant children; they came to God, making a total of twenty-one at the penitent-form during these meetings.

HAWAIIAN HAPPENINGS.

From Kekaha Lieutenants Davis and Smith accompanied the Major to Koloa to Lieutenant Hellesath's domain, where the first meeting was with the Band of Love, composed of children of the various nationalities seen in our island population.

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Sunday, February 22d, a Junior meeting was conducted by the D. O., and in the evening an interesting time was had, when three Porto Ricans were enrolled as soldiers. While at Koloa, Mr. McLean, the courteous manager of the plantation, looked after the Major's temporal needs.

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Monday night's meeting was held at Lihue. At this place the hotel proprietor entertained the visitors. At Hanalei the Salvationists found an excellent audience, entirely Hawaiian, to the number of fifty men, women and children. The native song-book was exclusively used, and how those dear people could sing! There were several hands raised for prayer. A pressing invitation was given the Major to come again. The school principal, Mr. Davis, provided the billet.

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Driving to Kealia the next day, to the home of Mr. Anderson, a good supper and a little rest followed, then a walk of two miles to Kapaa native church, where a good audience composed of Chinese (thirty at least), Hawaiians and haoles, awaited the interesting meeting which had been carefully announced by our Chinese comrade, Cadet Sing Lee On, who had spent several days in the neighborhood in advance of the officers' coming. Three languages—English, Chinese and Hawaiian—were made use of in reaching these people. The drive to Lehu was made, and the message of salvation given in the Nanivilinili native church. Three languages were again necessary.

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Saturday Major Harris again took passage in the W. G. Hall, arriving in Honolulu in the wee sma' hours of Sunday. A busy day lay before him here, as the new officers for Honolulu, Adjutant and Mrs. Coe, Lieutenant Jensen, and Comrade Riddell, had arrived by the s.s. Sierra, and this was their day of welcome. The holiness meeting came first, followed by the penitentiary welcome, where our Boys' Quartet furnished good music. Best of all, were the testimonies of God's pardoning grace and favor in those precious [illegible] and lives. A woman prisoner, [illegible] ten years' sentence, is now [illegible] light, having accepted Christ [illegible]

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At night was the Aloha rally [illegible] warriors were in line. Major and Mrs. Harris were in the lead, accompanied by our efficient, well-uniformed brass band and loyal soldiers. May our God abundantly bless the efforts of Adjutant and Mrs. Coe in our midst!

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Our farewelling officers, Captain Hutchinson and Lieutenants Hutchinson and Gordon, have done a good work, and leaving the corps in excellent shape.

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Captain and Lieutenant Hutchinson [illegible] take charge of Hilo after a few weeks' rest, while Lieutenant Gordon will return to [illegible] sist with the affairs of the war in Hono[illegible] which she so well understands and lov[illegible]

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During the year's command, under t[illegible] faithful comrades, 238 souls have [illegible] saved, twenty-three soldiers have been [illegible] rolled, the Junior and Bible classes h[illegible] been kept up, the band of sixteen pieces [illegible] been uniformed and commissioned, [illegible] work in the hospitals and prisons has [illegible] faithfully done, and the War Cry circu[illegible]

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Wonder[illegible] Maui, where [illegible] claimed salvatio[illegible] thirteen being rep[illegible] Captain Lewis write[illegible] better than ever, and [illegible] the only thing worth [illegible]

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The leading newspaper [illegible] Commercial Advertiser, prin[illegible] al's letter to the Hawaiian [illegible]

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Major and Mrs. Harris, acc[illegible] the Singing Brigade, are leaving to[illegible] Maui, to do a ten days' soul-saving [illegible] paign.

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The results of our White-Hot Campai[illegible] have brought a cyclone of rejoicing in[illegible] the numerous hallelujah camps. Talk abou[illegible] targets! Doubled and doubled again. Souls[illegible] soldiers, juniors, War Crys on the up[illegible] grade. To our God, who alone makes v[illegible] tory possible, be all the praise fore[illegible] Amen and amen!

Charlotte Matthis, Ensig[illegible]

OROVILLE, CAL. — This is a hard [illegible] place, but nothing is too hard for God. [illegible] In the open-airs I give out the songs my[illegible] self, take up the collection, do the speakin[illegible] and tell my own story. A man came in[illegible] my shop the other day and asked me f[illegible] money to buy a drink with. I told hi[illegible] a good cup of coffee would be better [illegible] him, so I gave him a breakfast and t[illegible] him there was salvation for him. [illegible] after he came in again looking very [illegible] ent, and asked me to pray with [illegible] took him into the Methodist par[illegible] near by, and the Methodist minister a[illegible] self had a prayer meeting with t[illegible] the poor fellow got saved on[illegible] am selling fifty War [illegible] been a Salvationist [illegible] takes grit and gra[illegible] fore the people [illegible] is enough for

... the Chicago ...candinavian Province.

BY COLONEL BOWTON.

Tuesday night the Provincial Staff and myself were at No. 5 corps, which I have not been able to visit for a long time. Ensign and Mrs. Chamberlain have been in charge here for the past seventeen months, and have done well. Tuesday night is not by any means the best in the week for this corps, but, nevertheless, we had good meetings both outside and in, and one soul.

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The Rink Band spent last week-end at Milwaukee, where Adjutant Storey conducted some very wonderful meetings in connection with the No. 1 corps in that city. We hear that the visit was most successful in every respect, and Mrs. Adjutant Storey, who held the fort at home, also had a blessed Sunday at the Rink.

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We have leased for five years the three upper floors of the large Leiter Building, corner of State Street and Hubbard Court, containing 16,000 square feet, which will at once be fitted up as a headquarters, and also a large up-to-date Workingmen's Hotel, with accommodation for 200 men. The entrance to headquarters will be on Hubbard Court, and to the Hotel on State Street. We shall move from our offices at Adams Street to the new headquarters about May 1st.

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Ten years ago a lady gave a gentleman a $1 bill to give to The Salvation Army. He put it in his desk intending to do so at the first opportunity, and just a few days ago discovered it among some old papers. He returned it to the lady, and as a mission worker called on her a day or two later for a donation she decided to give it to him, telling him the history of the bill. He answered: "Oh, no, that dollar belongs to The Salvation Army," and by the lady's request brought it up to our headquarters yesterday. So we have got the dollar after ten years' delay.

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Our visit to Chicago 8 came on a very cold and wet evening as well as being on rather unsuitable night, so we had only a small crowd present. However, we went in for a good meeting, and had two souls forward at the close. We are thinking of moving this corps to a better location after May 1st.

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Sunday I visited Chicago 11, accompanied by Staff-Captain Wieberg, where I was glad to see that the corps is making good progress under Captain Paulsen and his Lieutenants. An outpost to this corps is also to be opened shortly. We had very good crowds at the meetings and three souls. No. 13 band came over and helped us in the afternoon, so we stirred up the neighborhood with a good march.

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At No. 16 last Thursday night we had a full hall and a very good meeting. An interesting musical program was arranged, which brought in quite a nice sum for the corps. I also dedicated the two children of Brother and Sister Gustafson to God and The Army, and swore in a new soldier. God bless Chicago 16!

SALVATION ARMY COLONY BONDS.

A few of these popular bonds are for disposal. They are guaranteed by The Army, amply protected by a first mortgage on our Colorado and California Colonies, as well as by a two per cent. sinking fund, payable in gold and bearing interest at five per cent. For further particulars write to Commander Booth Tucker, 120 West Fourteenth Street, New York, or to the North American Trust Company, 137 Broadway, New York, who are the Trustees. Mark your letter *"Personal."* All communications will be treated as confidential.

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PEOPLE WE MEET.

No. XI.—STAFF-CAPTAIN ESCOTT.

STAFF-CAPTAIN ESCOTT opened his eyes to daylight in Wales, from the air of whose hills he inherited a strong body. The mines offered a mode of employment to which young Escott gave himself at an early age, and in this occupation, aside from the romantic dreams of youth, the boy expected to spend his life; but God, in one day, changed the whole course of his life. He was convicted of sin; his soul longed within him for God and His peace, so in a little Wesleyan Chapel, upon his knees at the altar, the youth found release from his burden. The fire of love began to burn in his veins; he was no longer content in the mines; he desired to work for his Master, but aggressiveness in one so young was not regarded with favor in that vicinity until The Army opened fire in the town a few months later.

Here was an opening into which young Escott stepped. Two months from the opening the youth became a full-fledged soldier. Then came the call to officership. So, after fourteen months of soldiership, he laid aside the pick and took up the sword. Some time later he visited Shipley in Yorkshire, where he met a young lady with a hallelujah bonnet. These bonnets he had not fancied before, but this one was unusually attractive. How curious he had not until now seen the good points about these beautiful affairs; but this one was in his mind day and night. Nowhere else could he find such a bonnet; this seemed to be the only one of its kind, so one day he asked this young lady for that bonnet, with herself for good measure. He got them both.

For thirteen years now they have labored in this country, holding stations in most of the Eastern States. Coming to the country at not the most favorable period of The Army's history, when persecutions by police, pulpit and people were no common thing, one of his first experiences was his arrest at Niagara Falls, together with several comrade officers, among whom was Major (now Colonel) Holz. Their trial consumed six weeks and a great deal of patience, the conclusion of which was that each was fined $1, possibly to give legality to the proceedings.

The Staff-Captain is an earnest follower of his Master. His testimony is given with no uncertain sound. In his character two or three traits seem to stand forward—simplicity, humility, equanimity, continuity. The first is the most salient. It is discovered in every move—in each word. He thinks simply, and delights to be a "servant of all." In this he follows Christ and the great Apostle. Every walk of life pays tribute to simplicity and humbleness, but nowhere is it more appropriate and necessary than in our work.

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He never worries. John Wesley, I believe, said he would as soon swear as complain or worry. To this sentiment the Staff-Captain evidently assents. His duties often bring him into perplexing and difficult straits, but complaint or worry is foreign to him. His wife told me she had never heard him complain, nor have his soldiers. What a sterling quality is this! This characteristic accounts in a limited degree for the third—continuity.

He has not worried, hence he has not wavered. His experience has been one of immobile faithfulness to Christ. Men have fallen about him and the sea of events has engulfed them, but his allegiance has been unshaken. He knows what he believes, and what experience has taught him, and no theories antagonistic to his faith have ever severed the continuous thread of his principles. This is the Salvationist spirit, hence we might call him an exemplary soldier.

His meetings are of the old-fashioned sort, complete in their simplicity, as flourishing corps all over the country will testify. The Staff-Captain and his wife are now divisional officers for Southern Ohio, with their headquarters at Cincinnati, where they are having blessed victory.

May Bee.

Staff-Captain William Escott.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y.—Our work is progressing here under the leadership of Ensign and Mrs. Waldron. The meetings are well attended, and the work looks very encouraging. We had an enrollment of soldiers a few weeks ago, and expect soon to enroll more.—Helen Kimball, for Officers in Charge.

KEENE, N. H.—We have enlisted about forty Companions of the Cross, and the comrades are taking hold of the Self-Denial effort in good shape. We are arranging special afternoon meetings and a half-night of prayer in Self-Denial Week, and we are hoping to see sinners brought to God.—Ensign and Mrs. Gearing.

INTERESTING JAIL SERVICE AT FREMONT, NEB.

Conducted by Staff-Captain Merriweather.

The Fremont Daily Tribune prints a report of a jail meeting in the county bridewell, which we understand is the first occasion on which The Army has been permitted to thus come into touch with the unfortunates incarcerated therein. The report is appended:

The first service of The Salvation Army at the county jail was held at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, conducted by Staff-Captain A. Merriweather, General Secretary for Nebraska and Iowa, and Captain P. A. Schomburg, in charge of the local corps. The Salvationists were treated with respect by the prisoners, and came away feeling that they had made a good impression.

The occupants of the jail were rather shy at first when the two workers appeared in their midst, but after an opening hymn, a short prayer and an address from the Staff-Captain a little of the reserve wore off and one or two of them helped to sing several other hymns and Salvation Army songs. There was no attempt whatever to disturb the meeting, and in no church in the city was there better order during the service than prevailed within the walls of the jail.

The Staff-Captain stated that he had conducted services in a great many prisons, in some of which men were confined for life, and that he had found humanity much the same everywhere.

Captain Schomburg gave his experience and said: "We want you to believe that we love you and that Jesus loves you. We come to you in a spirit of love. When Jesus enters your life and takes away your sin your hearts will be happy. I know this because I once followed evil paths, and Jesus Christ saved me."

Then the Captain sang "Mother's Prayer," a favorite Salvation Army ballad, and some of the prisoners helped in the chorus the second time. Staff-Captain Merriweather remarked: *"I think the singing was as good as I have heard in a great many church choirs."* This had a good effect, and the third time the chorus was louder than ever. There are some really capable singers among the jail inmates, and one or two resonant bass voices were heard.

An exhortation on the subject of character building was next given by the Staff-Captain, after which he sang a song and then all together rendered "At the Cross, at the Cross." They shook hands all around and departed with many "God bless you's," leaving some copies of the War Cry for the prisoners to read.

A Trip to New England.

PROVIDENCE,

the first stop. Sunday morning meeting with the men in the Salvage; two raised their hands for prayers; men interested; work going nicely; afternoon and night at corps; three souls.

FALL RIVER.

Inspected Social; conducted meeting at night in hall; three came forward. One of the soldiers was promoted to Glory on the day of our visit, who had been in the ranks twenty-two years.

SPRINGFIELD.

Inspection and meeting; good open-air and indoor meetings, but no souls. Springfield is a beautiful city, and we should have a good Social and Spiritual Work in this place.

HOLYOKE.

Inspected Social and conducted meeting in the Congregational Church at night. Some poor old drunks came out at night and professed salvation.

HARTFORD.

Tip-top meeting. Reinforcements from South Manchester helped to boom things. Three souls came out at night. Brigadier Lamb kindly entertained us.

WATERBURY.

Last on the list. The Social Work inspected, and meeting at night finished our trip. Captain Taylor, who is taking a Social appointment, rendered good service. God bless New England!

T. W. Scott.

SOCIAL SIDELIGHTS.

DRAMATIC INCIDENTS OF A MANY-PHASED WORK.

Reclaimed and Reunited.

SOMETHING like a year ago a well-known Social officer was asked to address a Y. M. C. A. gathering. He was already well known to the members of the particular branch he was invited to address, and upon his acceptance of the invitation certain of these members put their heads together hopefully.

This was their reason. Known to them and beloved by them was a young man whose later career had been a deep grief to them. Three years or more before he had occupied a really enviable position, and appeared to have before him a future full of rich promise. He was not a professing Christian, but he was an extremely likeable and amiable fellow, free from evil habits, and his Y. M. C. A. friends coveted him for Christly use.

Then, suddenly, came a most painful change in him. Out of the highest motives he enrolled himself as a member of one of the State military organizations, and within a short time, falling in with a particularly gay and fast element of his company, he took the pace that—to say the least, with one of his temperament — can result in nothing but ruin.

So now it was with him. He had long since lost his splendid position, and one after another had been dismissed from lesser ones. His family, repeatedly disgraced by him, had cast him off; he was, in fine, become utterly derelict. But his Y. M. C. A. friends still clung to him, and on the evening of the Social officer's address hunted him up, brought him half fuddled to their hall, and in the end rejoiced to see him depart willingly in company with the Salvationist.

The Social officer found place for the young man in one of our large Industrial Homes, and very soon began to receive good reports of him. Quite some weeks later there entered one day to the Social office a modest and attractive young woman, who very earnestly besought information of the unhappy young man now in our charge, and at last breaking down, told her pitiful story.

She was the secretly wedded, unacknowledged wife of the young man. Hoping to reclaim him she had married him, though they had never lived together. It was perfectly true, as was soon proven, and the young man having been wholly reclaimed at the Industrial Home, it was the happy fortune of the Social officer to place husband and wife together in a good, comfortable position, and measurably to reconcile the young man with his family.

Robbed, Relieved, Restored.

A few months ago a young man and young woman of the interior married and resolved to spend their honeymoon in the great metropolis. They were very inexperienced and very happy, and thus they became the easy prey of a deft scoundrel, who, insinuating himself in their confidence, robbed them and left them absolutely impoverished.

Their story coming to The Army's attention, a Social officer was immediately sent to their aid. Work was found for the hapless young bride, while her husband was given occupation and home in one of our Industrial Homes. They were as grateful as they were worthy, and when, after a few weeks, permanent employment at good pay was secured for the young man, they took a small flat, furnished it practically from end to end from an Army Second-Hand Store, and with happy hearts began life together.

No sight is so welcome at this little home as that of The Army guernsey and bonnet.

Mother and Daughter Reunited.

There came some time ago to our Employment Bureau a young woman seeking household service. She was wholly alone in the world; her mother, as she had learned, died in her infancy, her father, prior to her birth. She left her name—so peculiar a one that the officer of the bureau had to ask her to spell it out—and a few days later she was excellently placed.

Not long after a middle-aged woman came into the office desiring a situation as family cook. She was well endorsed, and was found to be all that she represented herself to be, but when the employment officer came to take down her name it was the same as that of the young woman before mentioned.

Upon his mentioning the fact that he had never but in the one instance heard the name before, the woman became greatly agitated, asked many questions, and finally breaking down, told her story.

Forsaken by her husband nearly twenty years ago, she had placed her little baby daughter with a family, herself going out to service. For a year or more all went well, then going suddenly to see her child she found the family had disappeared, no one knew whither, and though she had done her poor best she had never since had trace of her child.

Investigation was at once made, and it was conclusively proved that these two were, indeed, mother and daughter. They were restored to one another, and have clung happily together ever since.

Destitution, Despair, Death.

In the bitter weather of last Winter a man, haggard, though still young, came to our Relief Department. He had been ill, was long out of employment, had sold everything saleable, and [illegible] his pitiful tenement home [illegible] starving wife and little [illegible] neither buy food and fuel nor [illegible] burial of his dead.

Investigation proved the case to [illegible] too bitterly true. Lying in the same [illegible] with the dead child were two living children almost destitute of clothing, and dragging herself about the barren, fireless room was the mother, emaciated and worn with suffering.

Within an hour a warm fire was crackling in the forlorn little stove; mother and children were adequately clothed, food was plentiful in the locker, and the little still form of the dead child was in the hands of an undertaker.

Next day The Army buried the child, and a week later a place of employment was found for the father where he and his family could subsist in comfort and content.

A Grieving Mother's Cry.

Last year a dear old mother in a provincial town of England appealed almost hopelessly to the London Headquarters. Her son, her baby boy, had left home a few years before, a boy of twenty. For some time she heard irregularly from him, but for the past couple of years no word had come, no trace was to be had of him. Would not The Army try to find him?

The young fellow had come to the United States, therefore in the hands of the American Investigation Department the case was placed. There was no knowing where the young man might be; the only thing to be done was to hunt him broadcast all over the American Army field. The mother's plea was published in the War Cry, and correspondence was carried on from one end of the country to the other; every element and every individual of The Army being, as it were, called into detective requisition.

The result was triumph, and in a surprisingly short time, too. The missing son was found in a city of the middle West, his good old mother was so informed, and before The Army closed the case mother and son were again in communication with each other.

So run the interlocking wheels of The Army Social Work.

PROMOTED TO GLORY.

BROTHER AND SISTER MILLER.

FULTON, N. Y.—On Friday morning, March 20th, we received the sad news that Mrs. James Miller, a true, sincere and practical friend of The Salvation Army in Fulton, had passed away to be with Jesus. Her life was a beautiful one, and was adorned with the graces of the Spirit. She always had a cheering and encouraging word for the discouraged ones; was always ready to inconvenience herself for the sake of others; was always ready to help the needy ones in a practical way. She had been a Christian for many years, and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Sister Miller leaves one daughter, who was formerly an officer in The Salvation Army, but resigned on account of ill-health. She feels the loss of her dear mother very keenly. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her, and pray God to wonderfully uphold her by His grace.

Brother and Sister James Miller.

The funeral took place on Monday at the First M. E. Church, Rev. C. C. Townsend officiating, and various others, including the writer, assisting. A large number of people attended the service to pay their last respects to one who was held in high esteem for her godly character by all who knew her.

On Tuesday Major Barter, our Divisional Officer, conducted a very blessed memorial service in The Army hall. Mrs. Miller's husband, who was also widely known and respected, crossed the River some little time previous to his dear wife.

Ensign and Mrs. J. T. Winterbottom.

SISTER WINTERS.

CHARLOTTE, MICH.—On Friday last we laid away to rest one of our beloved comrades — Sister Winters, who went to be with Jesus after a short illness. She has been a faithful soldier ever since her conversion, and she will be greatly missed. She leaves a father, mother and three brothers, one of whom is a soldier in our ranks.—Captain and Mrs. McMillan.

SISTER NEWTON, LOCKLAND, O.

Sister Newton, a faithful soldier, has just been taken from our midst by death. Sister Newton, more generally known as Captain McAllister, entered The Army in 1895. She became an officer and labored faithfully until a little over a year ago, when she was married. A baby was born in November, but after five weeks God took the little one to Himself. From that time Sister Newton failed gradually until it became evident that consumption had marked her for a victim. She often remarked when visited that she was willing and ready to go home, and at last the hour came. On Monday, March 9th, she asked her doctor: "Do you think I'm going home to-day?" The doctor told her he thought she was. Turning to her much-loved husband, she said, "Praise God, I'm going home to-day!" She died at 12.15 that day very happy in Jesus.

Sister Newton.

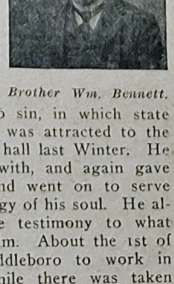
The funeral service was conducted by Staff-Captain and Mrs. Escott, assisted by the officers in charge. Among the speakers were Mrs. Captain Crawford, of Dayton, O.; Lieutenant Ashton, who waited on Mrs. Newton during her sickness, and the writer. Mrs Escott sang, "There is a better world, they say," and "Only Jesus will I know." We laid her to rest while singing the song, "Shall we meet beyond the River?"

A memorial service was also held in our hall, and soldiers and friends came to pay a tribute of respect to our comrade. The meeting closed with one soul for salvation and about thirty for consecration. We pray for the bereaved husband, who has been a faithful soldier for seven years.

Captain C. Menzler.

BROTHER WILLIAM BENNETT.

MIDDLEBORO, MASS.—Our comrade, Brother William Bennett, has just been removed by death. Brother Bennett was first saved in a revival meeting in Thomastown, and came in contact with The Army in Middleboro when Captain Westbrook was in charge. He took an active part in the work, and also labored with the same officer at Taunton, East Weymouth and Sandwich on the Cape. After leaving the last place he lost touch with the work and drifted back into sin, in which state he remained until he was attracted to the meetings held in our hall last Winter. He was faithfully dealt with, and again gave his heart to God, and went on to serve Him with all the energy of his soul. He always gave a definite testimony to what God had done for him. About the 1st of January he left Middleboro to work in Bridgewater, and while there was taken sick with heart disease, from which he never rallied. On Tuesday, March 19th, he passed away to be with Jesus. On Sunday night we held a memorial service in our hall. When the soldiers marched to the open-air with white ribbons on their arms and bonnets the people were very curious to know what was going on, so they followed to the hall, where the truth was dealt out to them by the comrades, who endeavored to convince them that there was no time to be lost in seeking salvation, citing our brother's death as an example of the uncertainty of life. God's Spirit worked mightily upon the hearts of sinners, though none would yield at the time.—Brother Murray, for Officer in Charge.



Brother Wm. Bennett.

SISTER CRISWELL.

WHEELING, W. VA.—At the age of twenty-three Sister Criswell received her marching orders for the heavenly city. She had been a soldier of this corps for four years, and had lived a godly life. She passed away to be with Jesus on Monday, March 23d, with the testimony that she was not afraid. The funeral services were conducted by Ensign Winkleman.—A Friend.

Sister Criswell.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.—Adjutant and Mrs. Plumstead have left us after a stay of three months; over 200 souls have been saved; the platform has been enlarged, and we have now a beautiful corps of happy soldiers. On Monday evening, at the farewell soldiers' meeting, the power of God came down and two poor backsliders came to the Saviour, and we closed with shouts of victory.—Fighter.

YONKERS, N. Y.—Last Monday we enjoyed a visit from our Divisional Officer, Major Willis, and in spite of very stormy weather we had a good time. Little Grace Louise Walther, a daughter of one of our comrades, was given to God. One dear man came into the meeting and found Jesus to be a conquering Saviour. We believe for victory.—Captain and Mrs. Bayes.

PHILADELPHIA [illegible] air meetings are good. Soldiers and friends come for the week [illegible] Mrs. Magee.

...NED FROM EVERYWHERE.

LATEST FIELD TIPS.

BY YOU KNOW WHO.

Mrs. Brigadier Stillwell is doing a special tour.

Staff-Captain Gerberich is under orders to farewell.

Beloit, Wis., reports twenty for holiness and four for salvation.

Lieut.-Colonel Margetts has almost completely recovered his health.

Major Milsaps has been having blessed times in Southern California.

Captain Lewis farewells from Danville, and takes charge of Kane, Pa.

A brass band has been organized by Ensign Williamson at Rockford, Ill.

One of the worst drunkards of Big Rapids, Mich., has come to God.

Colonel French is making a flying visit to Tucson and Globe, Arizona.

Staff-Captain Ivings has enrolled fifteen Junior soldiers at Little Rock, Ark.

Work is being commenced upon The Army's new building at Sioux Falls, S. D.

Bay City has had a great midnight open-air. About fifty fallen women were present.

The Shelter and Salvage at Waterbury, Conn., under Adjutant Winchell, are doing well.

Lieut.-Colonel Scott recently inspected the three Social institutions in Newark, N. J.

The Kansas City Workingmen's Hotel has been completely renovated at a cost of $800.

Ensign and Mrs. Hughes, of Punxsutawney, Pa., have raised $115 for a Junior library.

...special ten days' campaign, led by ...rigadier Stillwell and Provincial Staff, ...s down for Minneapolis 1.

A great spiritual stirring-up is in progress at Pipestone, Minn. No less than 125 souls have sought and found God.

The foundation for the new Bradford building has been laid. The various contracts will be let within a few days.

A man at Michigan City, Ind., placed a $5 gold piece on the drumhead in the open air. It will be devoted to Self-Denial.

Lieut.-Colonel Brengle had fine times at Bradford and Punxsutawney, Pa. Over fifty at the mercy-seat at the latter place.

A nice new hall has been secured at Aurora, Mo. The opening will take place on April 21st. The people are delighted.

The Kansas City Provincial Headquarters now acts as an agent for the National Trade Department, with a full line of goods. Terms, cash.

Major and Mrs. Bonnett have visited Zanesville, Newark, Mount Vernon and Wooster, O. Good meetings and new interest aroused.

Lieut.-Colonel Marshall has arranged for a divisional camp meeting in the Chautauqua Park, Carthage, Mo., the auditorium of which holds 3,000 people.

The German-American Work has been divided into two divisions—the Eastern, under Adjutant Franz Duerr, and the Western, under Adjutant Robert Rehkugel.

An open-air enrollment is a novelty. One occurred at Springfield, Mo., where there is no hall available. A mother and daughter there became soldiers of The Salvation Army.

The Industrial Work at Albany, N. Y., is now splendidly housed through the efforts of Adjutant Wood. The purchase of the property by The Army has been consum...ed.

...Potter and Staff-Captain Noble ...ble visit to Pittsburg and ... latter place twelve sol... and local officers com...

...en repainted, new ...orps, under Ad... waking up.

THE Chronic Kicker.

BY THE COMMANDER.

He kicks when he is left alone,
  He kicks when he is not,
He kicks when he is feeling cold,
  He kicks when he is hot!

When skies are clear and shining, then
  He's sure it will not last,
Or else to find something to kick
  He'll ransack all his past.

He's always in the dumps, his clouds
  Have lost their silver line!
He frets and fumes, grumbles and groans,
  His life is one long whine!

He says "it pays to kick," because
  Sometimes he wins a point,
Although to gain a bone or two
  He's lost a meaty joint.

In Heaven itself, if he gets there,
  He'll want some holes to scratch
In angels' garments, that they may
  His rags and tatters match!

Friend Kicker! Aren't you tired yet
  Of kicking 'gainst the pricks?
You hurt yourself than others more
  By your cantank'rous kicks!

Don't let your heels so nimbly fly,
  Don't scowl and howl and growl,
Don't blindly flop against the light,
  Like any bat or owl!

Don't blame your circumstances, but
  Yourself—'tis you who're wrong!
Just bring your kicking, crooked heart
  To Jesus Christ along.

Take now His yoke upon you, and
  His gentle Spirit seek;
He'll make you like Himself, till you
  Like Him are lowly, meek.

Then will your clouds be rainbow-spanned,
  Your heart be grace-endued,
While day by day your soul shall be,
  Like eagle, strength-renewed.

One evidence of the fact is that it now takes 500 War Crys.

Major Connett has visited Pomona, San Bernardino, Riverside and Redlands, Cal. He reports Captain Guthrie, at San Bernardino, has received a donation of $35 from a wholesale liquor dealer.

Mr. Blinn Yates, a Buffalo friend of The Army, has donated a piano to the corps at Jamestown, N. Y., paying the freightage on the instrument, so that the corps should not be subject to a penny of expense.

Adjutant Snider, of East Liverpool, O., reports an influx of souls and soldiers, also that the hall is too small on Sundays. This has led to the purchase of land for the proposed erection of an Army property.

Ensign Senn is still without a hall at Sharon, Pa. Notwithstanding this fact she has got the people saved who kept the house in which she was living, and has increased her Cry order to 400 copies. God bless the Ensign!

Adjutant Jaeger is doing a most excellent work at Akron, O. The work here was a most up-hill one for some time, but there are now forty-six soldiers on the roll, all but two of whom wear the uniform. Colonel Holz says the result is due to hard work, perseverance and holy living.

Adjutant and Mrs. Dodd, since taking command of Cincinnati 1, the middle of February, have had sixty-one forward for salvation, twenty new soldiers enrolled, with ten or twelve more ready for enrollment. A brass band has also been started.

Lieut.-Colonel Marshall and Staff-Captain Campbell have spent a week-end in St. Joseph, Mo., conducting meetings in connection with the corps and looking after the interests of the new Shelter. Restaurant and Salvage Department, which it is expected will be in operation in the near future.

Lieut.-Colonel McIntyre had a good time at the opening of the new Army building at Titusville, Pa. Good crowds, and over $600 was raised, largely through the efforts of Staff-Captain Wiseman. The building contains a fine hall, officers' quarters and room for Junior meetings, is nicely furnished and has an excellent appearance.

Adjutant and Mrs. Maltby, of Utica, N. Y., have been undergoing a severe trial through the sickness of their children. One (the baby) is down with typhoid-pneumonia and pleurisy and another with diphtheria. Both hall and quarters are quarantined. The baby is in a most dangerous condition, and prayer is earnestly requested.

A new Army building is contemplated at Pittsburg, Kan. Its erection will mean that Beaumont, Pittsburg, Oklahoma City, Houston, Coalgate and San Angelo, all in the Southwestern Province, will own their own buildings. Two years ago not a single building in the province was owned by The Army. Lieut.-Colonel Addie is on the wing in Texas.

At Brigadier Blanche Cox's recent week-end at Port Huron, Mich., over 4,500 people were present at the various meetings, and over $600 raised toward the new building. A Congressman took the chair at the Sunday afternoon meeting. The Brigadier spoke in the Episcopal Church, the rector himself introducing her. The church was packed, the offering being devoted to The Army.

FROM WESTERN NEW YORK PROVINCE.

The most important subject at the present time is Self-Denial, and the prospects are most encouraging, so far. Buffalo Rescue Home has gone away beyond its target of $40, raising altogether $140. Oil City has sent in its target of $80, Little Falls, $70; Buffalo Shelter, $25. Several others are very near the mark.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Lieut.-Colonel Brengle, assisted by Ensign Mabee, have visited several corps in our province. Their meetings have been well attended, souls have been saved, Christians blessed, soldiers on fire, and greater results still are expected.

SOULS.

Adjutant Quirk, of Kittanning, reports 3; Kane, 4; Dubois, 7; Syracuse, 9; Penn Yan, 1; Buffalo 1, 8.

NEW OPENINGS.

Sharon, our latest opening, under Ensign Senn, is progressing favorably. War Crys sell well, as the Ensign's weekly order is 400.

Adjutant Brazier, with her co-workers, is pushing the war in this charming Pennsylvania city, and the prospects are very encouraging.

Buffalo 1 had the misfortune to have a fire, which did considerable damage to the rear end of the hall. This made it unfit for service, but it has been repaired, and looks very much improved, with the new windows, new platform paper and paint. Interest is good and near... ...been seeking God. A number of them are taking their stand nobly. Buffalo 1 now sells 500 War Crys weekly, and Adjutant Anderson's faith, we believe, will be for a larger number yet. Observer.

BRIGADIER AND MRS. ATKINSON AT NEW YORK 4.

Seven Men Seek Salvation.

[SPECIAL.]

Easter services at New York 4, conducted by Brigadier and Mrs. Atkinson, cheerful and profitable. Dedication of Evade Antoinette Campbell, baby daughter of Adjutant and Mrs. Campbell, to God and The Salvation Army. Seven men sought salvation.

During Self-Denial Week the Brigadier, with Mrs. Atkinson, visited Brooklyn 1. Good turn out; three men at the Cross, and four men publicly enrolled as soldiers of this veteran corps. Hallelujah!

Prominent Changes of Appointment.

Brigadier James Toft is farewelling from the Iowa and Nebraska Chief Division, and will take an appointment in Sweden. He will be succeeded in the command of Iowa and Nebraska by Brigadier John Cousins.

Brigadier Ashley Pebbles is under instructions to farewell, and will be succeeded in the command of the Rocky Mountain Chief Division by Brigadier Joseph Ludgate, National Candidates' Secretary.

Staff-Captain Shuffle, of the Finance Department, National Headquarters, takes the position on the O. K. and S. Provincial Staff vacated by the transfer of Staff-Captain Gerberich to the Social Department, National Headquarters.

VISALIA, CAL.—We took charge here on Saturday night. The fight is going to be a hard one, but we are going into it in the strength of God. Sunday afternoon there was a decided interest in the Junior meeting, fourteen being present. After the Junior meeting we held services in the jail and in the hospital. One soul came out for salvation in the night meeting.—Violin.

THE CHERRY-TREE HOMES.

BY MRS. LIEUT.-COLONEL MILES.

RECENTLY a man wrote: "Anyone who, in these days, builds an institution for the care and training of destitute children ought to be confined in the basement of said building for the balance of his days."

The good brother who penned these lines evidently was not acquainted with The Salvation Army or its work. Evidently he has never spent any of his spare time in the city slums, where children are born and reared in the most revolting pollution. He has never watched the Slum officer go about her daily toil in the poor districts where

CHILDREN SWARM LIKE FLIES

in Summer; he has never sought the miserable mites of humanity which fill the street, hungry, cold, filthy and well-nigh naked. He has never stood in the children's court and watched the kindly-faced magistrate deal out justice, tempered with mercy, to the poor little sinners whom nobody has ever tried to train in the paths of righteousness. He has never gazed upon their pinched features, never listened to their sobs and tears, never wept over them when, life having proved too cruel, their starved bodies are found in the morgue, and then without a sigh or a tear are laid in Potter's Field until the Judgment morning.

The city waif is a heart-breaking problem, but no less sad is the fate of little ones accustomed to the tender sweetness of a mother's love, or the self-sacrificing watchfulness of a father's care, when death, sickness or uncontrolable circumstances suddenly render the children homeless and [illegible] a daily happening was brought to my notice only this morning. In this case the head of the house—a devoted husband and father—was suddenly stricken and called away. The poor mother could not stand the shock of the bereavement; reason gave way, and the tenderly nurtured darlings are left alone to face the storm. What would you do with them? Suppose this same sorrow should fall with lightning speed upon your own happy home, what should be done? Send little Annie west, Harry east, Mabel somewhere else; break up the little family group, so that when the dear mother recovers she may have another shock that shall darken her senses for all time?

NO, NO, NO!

Into the kindly shelter of a Christian home let them come; surround them with a consecrated woman's tender care, train them for lives of usefulness, teach them to love God and to live for the good of others, and in a few months, or a few years, the happy moment may come when the dear mother may be in a position to love and care for her own again. Or, take another class—the unfortunate boys or girls known as no man's offspring—fatherless, and in many cases worse than motherless. What shall be done with them? Leave them alone—their home the street; kicked, cursed, despised, downtrodden? Can you wonder or blame them, if they speedily learn their lesson and become pickpockets, thieves, drunkards, or harlots and murderers? This is but the natural outcome of such surroundings. But change their environment; make a less thorny path for their little feet, teach them what love and tenderness mean. They have never had a chance to know yet. Give them an opportunity to know something of the joys of right doing; something at least of the blessings of an elevating family life.

This is the work The Salvation Army is trying to accomplish. For this reason our three Cherry-Tree Homes have been established, sheltering many dear children taken from just such conditions as I have tried to describe.

Every work of this character that has been undertaken in the name of Jesus and for the good of humanity, if admirably conducted, has been pressed into larger growth.

Commodious as our Cherry-Tree Home building at Amity, Col., now is, it is altogether insufficient to meet the urgent need to care for more children. We must open our doors wider and yet wider for all suffering humanity. The wail of the children, the sight of

THEIR PALLID, SUFFERING FACES,

is ever before us; and we purpose, while life is ours, with God's help and yours, to spend and be spent in stemming the tide of their sufferings, and giving them an opportunity to become good, honest and true men and women.

In response to a recent appeal through the pages of the War Cry the following letter has been received:

"Dear Sir: In the War Cry of February 14th I note the letter of Mrs. Lieut.-Colonel Miles in regard to the Cherry-Tree Home at Amity, Col. In that letter I understand her to say that if the top floor of your building could be put in order, at a cost of about $1,000, it would enable you to take thirty more children from the dens of infamy and crime, etc.

"Now, I am an old man, and do not belong to The Salvation Army; but I believe your organization is doing the greatest reform work that is being done in this world. If you will start pledges and raise $950, I will pay $50 towards putting your top floor in order. I am quite sure that a statement of the case like what Mrs. Miles has given would easily raise the money outside The Salvation Army.

"Yours truly,

"Lucian B——."

Another dear friend, interested in this good work, brings us a diamond, left to her by a life-long friend. Full well she knows that her loved one, looking now from that land where God wipes away every tear, will rejoice in knowing that the jewel she once prized is turned to such good use as bringing light into the life of some orphan child.

Another dear friend, who, by the way, is a Salvationist and a widow, has proved that she does not only sing, "I bring my all to Thee, dear Lord," but really has done so. The cry of needy children reached her heart, as I pray God it may yours, and she brought her little all—every dollar she has in the world—and each one representing much toil and self-sacrifice. So this is how our subscription list stands at present:

Mr. Lucian Blackmer.....	$50 00
Sale of diamond, E. B. H.....	50 00
Salvationist Widow.....	100 00

Where are the friends who will come to our aid, and on behalf of these precious children, raise the $1,000 so urgently needed to enlarge our Children's Home?

Colonel Holz and Staff Visit Akron, O., Corps

Glorious Second Anniversary Celebration — Triumphs in Souls and Finances.

FOR several weeks Adjutant and Mrs. Jaeger, in command of the Akron corps, had been planning most energetically for a wonderful campaign on the occasion of the second anniversary of the re-opening of The Salvation Army work in that city. In harmony with these plans Colonel Holz and Staff arrived in Akron shortly after noon on Saturday, when immediate preparations were made for an open-air demonstration on the square. The soldiers had been invited to attend this meeting, and were on hand full of faith and fire, and took a very active interest in the efforts of the afternoon. Colonel Holz led the procession, followed by a band of four cornets, concertina and drum corps. In spite of a gale blowing we stood and sung, prayed and exhorted until the whole corner was crowded with humanity. Their interest in the service was heartily manifested by a liberal response on the good old drum. After having an hour and a half of victory in the open air, and distributing programs announcing the events of the following day, we marched to the hall and made preparations for the evening's demonstration.

A musical blizzard was the order of the evening program.

Gathered in the hall, after another great open-air meeting, was a large congregation composed of the soldiers and friends of The Army. After some preliminary remarks and comments by Colonel Holz, by way of introduction to the service, the remainder of the meeting was reserved for the musical talent present, whose efforts were effective in bringing cheer and happiness to everybody there through the power of song and melody.

Enthusiasm began immediately to assert itself, and everyone present was filled with a spirit of unity. Staff-Captains Berriman and Gerberich were introduced and sang several solos and duets, accompanied by guitar and concertina. Several instrumental selections were rendered by the band, followed by an earnest Social address by Major Hunter, who made it positively known that Social life has certainly many mirthful enjoyments in it. His address was much appreciated. Bandmaster Brediger next favored us with a cornet solo, entitled, "Only Jesus Will I Know." Comrade Reade sang a Social song, after which an appropriate musical blizzard collection was taken up, which helped materially to swell the treasury. A young lady friend of The Army effectively sang a sweet solo, entitled, "Face to Face." The musical program was completed and harmoniously turned into a spirited prayer meeting, during which seven souls came forward and sought the Saviour, among whom was an ex-Lieutenant, who had wandered away from The Army through discouragement and lack of prayer, and had sought an easier path, but finally lost the road and backslid. Another noteworthy case was that of a woman, who was the daughter of a clergyman. While yet in her teens, she sang in her father's choir, but was unconverted, and, being dealt with about her soul, would not listen to the voice of God. Finally she left her father's church and became indifferent to religion. The spirit of conviction so manifestly present in this meeting, told on this woman, who voluntarily gave herself to Jesus, and, by the radiance of her countenance, when she arose from her knees, it was clearly known that a wonderful transformation had taken place in her heart. The testimony which she gave was of the kind produced by the "old-time power," taking full possession of the heart. Praise the Lord for these wonderful trophies of God's grace!

Sunday morning was ushered in with an invigorating atmosphere, and everyone seemed to feel that victory was an assured thing, as was demonstrated before the close of the day, when many souls were blessed and a number born into the Kingdom of Christ.

The open-airs were remarkable in crowds, interest and collections. The marches were none the less interesting, especially the one that took place in the afternoon.

On Sunday afternoon the officers assisting Colonel Holz were Major Hunter, Staff-Captains Berriman and Gerberich, Bandmaster Brediger, and Adjutant and Mrs. Jaeger. These officers were detailed for different services in the morning, and this being the second anniversary of the corps, it was expected that in each instance an address should be given bearing on the progress of the work of The Army in Akron.

The churches united in a genuine appreciation of the grand work that had been done during the two years, and very willingly gave offerings to help the work.

Colonel Holz spoke in the First Congregational Church to a large [illegible] audience on "The Power of [illegible] It was a very edifying talk [illegible] the numerous instances of conver[illegible] were so graphically related by the C[illegible] undoubtedly revealed the wonder-worki[illegible] power of the Gospel. The Colonel had exceptional liberty, and throughout his entire address had the sympathy of his audience, who gave a testimonial of their appreciation by a $35 offering, which was an excellent lift on the way. Staff-Captain Gerberich was detailed to assist the Colonel in the singing.

Major Hunter spoke in the First Baptist Church on the Social Work of The Army, and interested his hearers in a most practical way, receiving a liberal offering for the work.

Staff-Captain Berriman led a meeting at the First Universalist Church, delighting his audience by remarkable instances of reformation that have come to his knowledge through The Army's spiritual and Social Work. A generous collection was given to assist the local work.

RED-HOT AFTERNOON SERVICE.

This was the anniversary rally, to which all of the ministers in Akron were cordially invited to be present, and took place in the First Congregational Church parlors. The place was crowded; several ministers were present and assisted in the service. After the Colonel concluded a short address on the work of The Army in Akron, giving also the comparative statistics revealing the actual good done during the past two years, Staff-Captain Gerberich was called upon to sing "A message to mother," which brought tears to many eyes. Major Hunter next spoke on the great blessing The Army had been to a number of people who came under his own observation. Staff-Captain Berriman was then asked to sing a solo, entitled, "My Name in Mother's Prayer." During the singing of this solo many were seen to weep. The Colonel designated Staff-Captain Gerberich to draw in the net, and seven precious souls gave themselves to Jesus, among whom were some notable conversions. Remarkable conviction rested upon the audience. The Christians united in reconsecration, and the meeting closed in power and blessing to all.

THE CLIMAX.

In the evening the streets were thronged with people who watched the march and listened to the music and open-air service. A large naphtha lamp used in this meeting was of great service.

Returning to the hall, we found the congregation had packed the place to the doors, even to the adjoining rooms which are used as the quarters. The line of people desirous of entering extended from the hall door into the street. Hundreds were turned away, and the doors had to be closed. Such crowds had never been seen in the hall at any previous time. After a few preliminaries, consisting of several duets by the Staff-Captains, and a few remarks by Major Hunter, the Colonel began a powerful talk and portrayal of sin and its consequences. The audience was spell-bound as they listened to the claims of Jesus, and a settled conviction was written upon many countenances, and, after a hard fight, one weeping soul came voluntarily to the penitent-form and was beautifully saved.

After the heavy campaign of the day we were all exhausted, but felt wonderfully refreshed in spirit because of the presence of God in our midst and the blessings which He bestowed upon us. Adjutant and Mrs. Jaeger were thoroughly delighted with the victories achieved, consisting of some fifteen souls and an increase to their treasury of nearly $100. The work in Akron has thus received a fresh impetus, and we believe will march forward with greater rapidity than ever, and the Colonel hopes in the near future to hear of a building project, heartily supported by an interested community. Praise God for this marvelous season of victory! This is the fifth of a series of consecutive week-end meetings conducted by Colonel Holz recently, each of which has proven remarkably satisfactory as in this instance.

E. S. Gerberich, Staff-Captain.

HAVE YOU A BANK ACCOUNT?

Have you a bank account in the skies? Are you laying up treasures in Heaven? Officership in The Salvation Army is one of the surest ways to enable you to accomplish this end. Would you like to become an officer? If so, you should write to your Divisional Officer for application papers, or write to

BRIGADIER J. C. LUDGATE,
120 West 14th Street, New York, N. Y. National Candidates' Secretary.

WANTED!

two good Christian home[illegible] preferred) for two little [illegible] old, the other six mon[illegible] should be east of Pitt[illegible] Colonel Higgins, [illegible] New York City.

NEWS FROM AFAR

JAPAN'S ANNIVERSARY.

SEVEN YEARS' WAR.

Remarkable Celebration in Tokyo—The Brewer Turns Sauce Manufacturer—The Converted Jinricksha Man.

Now it is again my privilege to write a few lines on our anniversary meeting. This was held as usual in the Y. M. C. A. hall, Kanda, Tokyo, and took place on Saturday, November 29. Although a charge was made for admission, there was a crowded and enthusiastic audience, and the program, though formidable, went through with clockwork rapidity, and much success. A brief *résumé* of the principal events may prove profitable to those who are interested in Eastern affairs. Our force has grown to such an extent that it was necessary to have several policemen with us, to clear the way for our march through the streets, preparatory to the inside meeting. With musical instruments and hearty singing we let the world know that the *Kyu sei gun* was still alive, and in for a good time that evening, and all and sundry were invited to come and enjoy themselves with us.

On our return to the hall we were not surprised to see it packed, and before long, to the strains of "Shout Aloud Salvation," we went into the first part of the meeting.

The Colonel's address on the present position of The Salvation Army, supplemented with facts and figures, showed the rise and progress of our work in this and other lands. While a chorus was being sung, in marched a lot of foreign-dressed people, armed with banners, bearing the name and flag of the nation they represented. There was

OUR *FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR*, THE CHINAMAN,

following closely on the heels of an Australian bushman (not one of the Bushmen's Contingent), who was marching sedately behind a representative of France. Besides these, there were Indians, Norwegians, Swedes, Danes, English, American, and Japanese, all marching together, to give an idea of how salvation unites in one holy bond all nations.

Taking their place on the platform, these comrades sang a special song, and as each nation was mentioned they took a step to the front, whilst their special verse was being sung. Then a very interesting item came on the boards, entitled "The Foreign Children's Song." They first sang one of our Japanese songs, followed by an English action song. It was highly interesting to see the youngest, only two years old, going through the action song, and, so far as the singing was concerned, she well maintained her part. The elder ones acquitted themselves very well, and the reception given them was well deserved.

Major Duce gave an interesting talk on Rescue Facts and Figures, an account of which would make an article of itself. A company of boys and girls, led by Ensign Yabuki, gave an exhibition of flag drill, which was well received and applauded. Staff-Captain Ellis, of The Salvation Army Naval and Mercantile Home, Yokohama, made some interesting statements as regards his work amongst the "lads in blue," etc. A cadet — an Ainu (Japanese native)—sang "Jesus loves me," in the Ainu, Japanese and English languages. He was attired in the Ainu dress.

THE SELF-DENIAL TOTALS

were then read out by Colonel Bullard, and Mrs. Colonel Bullard presented the Self-Denial champion flag to the Yokohama corps, which has again raised the highest amount. Our target has once more been [illegible], for which we give hearty thanks to [illegible] and go on determined to win Japan for [illegible] brass band, with Ensign Robson [illegible] the baton, rendered valuable [illegible]oors and inside, reflecting [illegible]hose responsible for its [illegible]l Mercy was inaug- [illegible] was sworn in under [illegible]

[illegible]remember the [illegible]through the reading of one of our Japanese publications, the "Common People's Gospel." This comrade is a wonderful trophy of God's grace. His family have been, for ninety years, successful manufacturers of this cursed liquor, and have obtained

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from the Government. It was no easy struggle for this comrade to sever himself, and go against his relatives, who were all engaged in the same business, but, by the help of God, he conquered, and gave up its manufacture. He had seen the effects of his liquor on the people, and his conscience troubled him on this account, but in spite of all this he went on until he could stand it no longer. As he stood on the platform, surrounded on one side by the empty casks of the liquor which he used to make, and on the other side by casks of the sauce which he now manufactures, our hearts could not help praising God for the salvation of this comrade. In his simple style he told the audience of what he was and what he is now, by divine grace, of the persecution he endured from the Buddhists after his conversion, and of the time of testing he had had, but, above all, of the goodness of God to him. He felt the responsibility of addressing such a large audience, so much so, that he could not sleep when he returned home.

The advertising lanterns were a picture to behold, for the various designs were studies in themselves. A short magic-lantern display was given inside, and the meeting was brought to a practical conclusion by Staff-Captain Yamamuro, with a brief address. Fifteen souls sought mercy, which sent us home rejoicing.

A Norwegian Fishing Village.

SIR JOHN GORST AND THE SALVATION ARMY.

It was no use saying, however, that these "unemployable" people could not be reclaimed. They could do something for them. That had been proved by the operations of The Salvation Army. Whatever opinion one might have about the tenets or methods of The Salvation Army, there was not the smallest doubt that on their farm at Hadleigh they had some of the most worthless and idle people from the slums of London working extremely hard and extremely well. How they did it was almost a puzzle; but that they did take these very people who were called unemployable and employ them with very great success was an undoubted fact. And what The Salvation Army had done, other institutions and the local authorities might do. Or, if they could not do it themselves, they might hire The Salvation Army . . . to do it for them. The work of The Salvation Army at Hadleigh had been very lately put to an extremely practical test. Lady Warwick, having extensive alterations to make in her garden at Easton, which involved a good deal of spare labor, made a contract with The Salvation Army to do the job. The Salvation Army brought down sixty of these unemployables, and Lady Warwick had stated publicly that the work had been admirably done. He might add that, although some of these unemployables were the very worst characters and most undesirable people, two of them, he was told, being murderers, and, although they lived for many weeks at Easton, there was no crime, no drunkenness, and no disorder of any kind during their stay there. (Hear, hear.) That, he thought, was a very practical test. He was not a Salvationist (laughter), but he was perfectly capable of appreciating the great merits and advantages of a social work of this kind. He thought he might say to many local authorities—he did not know whether he might not say to the President of the Local Government Board—"Go thou and do likewise."—Sir John Gorst, in the English House of Commons, Thursday, February 19th.

COST OF A CALL.

(Testimony of a Swiss Woman Officer.)

"It meant a great deal to be a true Salvation soldier in Switzerland in The Army's early days there. Many a time have I been quite covered with mud. I have also had many a punch on the head; in fact, hard blows we all had in abundance in those days. But these were not my greatest difficulties. My cross was at home.

"When I felt that God wanted me to become an officer, my heart almost failed me. I was afraid to speak to my people about it. They were ashamed of me. They would not walk the streets with me because I was a Salvationist; and when I did eventually tell them I must become an Army officer—then the cat was among the pigeons again, as you say.

"Their bitterness became stronger and stronger. In my distress, I went to the Bible. There the first message that came to me was contained in the words of Jesus—'Follow Me.'

"I was more concerned than ever, for I knew I must speak to my people again. I was a coward. Again I opened my Bible and read: 'There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children for the Kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come, life everlasting.'

"By the grace of God, I resolved to go through.

"When I left home for training, the door was slammed upon me, and the last words of my people to me were: 'Cursed girl—never come back!'

"It was hard to bear; but I wept tears of joy, for I knew I was obeying God. My friends all said I had made a mistake, and I myself knew not how it would work out; but I have lived to prove that it was no mistake at all—it has come out all right.

"The people told me: 'You must be careful, for The Salvation Army is also "Starvation Army!"' But I replied: 'Very well: I don't go into The Army for puddings; I can get them at home; and puddings, or no puddings, I am going on!'

"Had I given in to my people, I have no doubt I should have been a miserable backslider. My loss in those days is my gain now; and God has rewarded me a hundredfold.

"For ten years after I left, I continued to write home, and all that time I never received a word of reply. I was once ill, and even at the point of death. My people knew it; but not a single message did they send me—not a word.

"But eleven years ago, when I returned to my lodgings one day, there was a parcel from Switzerland awaiting me. I knew the handwriting, and being generally very fond of receiving parcels, was so excited that I could scarcely get this one open. It was from my home. The people who cursed me ten years before had sent me a Christmas-box. This was the beginning of their changed feelings towards me.

"How I rejoice that I did not give way to them, but dared to obey the call of God, although it meant such sorrow.

"Whatever God bids you do—do it. You will never lose by it. I am strong now because, in my lonely struggle, I learned to know God; and I would pass through another ten years of sorrow and persecution rather than disobey His voice."

War Cry.

Issued Once a Week.

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Will friends and comrades please notice that all checks and money orders for ANY remittances to National Headquarters must in future be made payable to "THE SALVATION ARMY."

SUMMER STAR CAMPAIGN.

The word star is suggestive of hallelujah optimism, and its use in connection with the coming Summer Campaign is a happy one, for a glance at the carefully and prayerfully prepared plan of campaign will readily convince the reader that, with the proper care and attention to its fulfilment which will undoubtedly be given it, this brilliantly-planned effort will become a star among its fellows—the superior of its every predecessor.

There are two things that can make it so—God's blessing and our faith and works. Pray for God's blessing. Pray earnestly. You cannot pray too much. God will answer! He will not withhold His blessing. And in addition to praying, exercise faith for a Summer's warfare of glowing and lasting success. Then, after praying and exercising faith, bend your back to the task with a consecrated willingness born of love to God and man.

A special manifesto on this great campaign, from the pen of our National leaders, will appear in our next issue.

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WE STAND.

Our National Staff [illegible] used to harmonious daily working, planning and fighting for souls, but it takes a unique assembly such as that of Thursday afternoon last to lift up the veil and reveal the reason of such harmony. This precious little "family gathering," for such it was in very truth, preceded the public holiness meeting at National Headquarters, and was conducted by the Commander and Consul. Hearts beat responsively to the words of our esteemed leaders. There was a conscious thrill of united purpose, of undoubted hope, and of longing desire. In prayer, in song, in exhortation, it was felt the one who took the active part was but acting as the deputy of his comrades. It was good to be there, and hearts are hungering and spirits craving for the next of the series, to be held, as we understand, a month hence.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY AT JERSEY CITY 2.

$250 Raised for Self-Denial.

[SPECIAL.]

Easter Sunday was appropriately celebrated by visit of the Chief Secretary, Lieut.-Colonel Gifford, Major and Mrs. Dunham and the National Staff Band. At night an altar service was conducted, at which target of $60 was quadrupled, $250 being placed on the altar by officers, comrades and friends. Colonel Higgins spoke with liberty and blessing, and four souls came to the altar.

EASTER REVIVAL AT LOS ANGELES.

Forty Souls.

[BY WIRE.]

Glorious Easter services at Los Angeles conducted by Major and Mrs. Connett. Corps united. March before knee-drill with full band. Splendid attendance; good interest. Corps and institutions on upgrade. Forty at penitent-form. Soldiers enrolled, War Crys raised to 100, three applications for officership this week. Self-Denial all right.—Ensign W. R. Woodward.

GENERAL BOOTH'S WELCOME ADDRESS

AT THE ALBERT HALL, LONDON.

After having acknowledged with affectionate appreciation the marvellous and unanimous welcome showered upon him by the vast concourse of people the General said:

1. I am glad to be able to report well of the officers to whom the important task of directing the operations of The Army in those countries has been entrusted.

I have seen my son and daughter, Commander and Consul Booth Tucker, who are entrusted with the direction of The Army in the United States, and also my daughter, the Field Commissioner, who is in charge of The Army operations in the Dominion of Canada.

I found Commander Tucker as busy, as sanguine, and as inventive as ever—full of sympathy with the perishing souls and destitute bodies of the crowds who are to be found in the great cities of that land of abundance.

I found him getting the unsaved to the mercy-seat, feeding the hungry by hundreds of thousands, supplying the poor shivering crowds with sufficient coal to keep body and soul together during the late bitter Winter, and helping them in a hundred other ways, among the rest proving the possibility of transferring the people from the overcrowded cities to the vacant land by his Colorado Colonization Scheme.

The General's Daughters.

Of my daughter the Consul, and my daughter the Field Commissioner, had they not been my daughters, I would like to have given some expression to the admiration I naturally feel for their devotion to the highest interests of their commands, their sympathy with the sinning and suffering multitudes around them, their self-sacrificing personal efforts to bless and save them, their loyalty to the principles of The Army, and, what is not without my appreciation and gratitude, their intelligent, unchanging, and faithful love to their father and General.

2. I can report well of The Army in both countries, and confidently announce its advance in every respect.

The Salvation Army has made great and

Real Progress In America

since my last visit, and greater than ever during the last twelve months. So far as I can judge—and I think I have some ability in that direction—I see the most striking promise of the creation on that continent of one of the most powerful sections of The Army.

3. *I can report well of the Salvationists themselves.* They were glad to see me. At the time I did not think that the welcome they gave me in New York harbor and repeated in Toronto and all along the line of route, could very well be outdone by the reception I expect to receive from the comrades who have gone before at the gates of the celestial city. But if you have not surpassed it, you have at least equaled it to-night.

But I have not only to report the love of the officers and soldiers of these nations for their General, but to convey to you assurances of their love for their British comrades. I believe they are with you almost to a man and a woman, in devotion to God, in loyalty to the principles of The Army, in determination to carry out its orders and regulations, and in the task of furnishing their share of the men and means required for carrying on the Salvation War throughout the world.

I may say that America gave your General a right royal reception.

The Newspaper World.

I was received kindly by the newspaper world. I suppose that almost every paper in the country—and their name is legion—had something friendly to say. Thousands and thousands of columns were written, illustrated by hundreds and hundreds of portraits—more or less unlike me—without an accompanying sneer.

I was received kindly by the religious world. There was scarcely a church in either country whose doors were not open to me, or a clergyman who had not some appreciative word to say about The Army. On my platforms night after night in every city I visited were representatives of almost every religious persuasion in existence, orthodox or heterodox, Jew or Gentile.

I was received kindly by the artisan world. My salvation meetings were commonly composed of half and sometimes three parts men, and the majority of these working men. These audiences listened with intelligent attention to my words, and by hundreds walked out to the mercy-seat.

The Senate a House of Lords.

I was received kindly by the better-off world. When my visit to Washington was mentioned, from no one did I receive a heartier invitation than from President Roosevelt, and by no [illegible] was I made to feel more at [illegible] the members of the Senate, [illegible] swers to our own House of Lords. Governors of States, judges of Supreme Courts, mayors of cities, and dignitaries of every class and degree presided at my meetings, and openly avowed their appreciation of the work of The Army, and wished me all the success my heart desired.

I have come back convinced that The Army has a great future in America. There is something about the peculiar make-up of the American that fits The Army. *He is energetic,* and The Army cries out for earnestness.

The American is inventive. He is ever on the look-out for some fresh method by which he can more readily do his work; and The Army says, "These outlying godless masses must be reached, their souls must be saved, their miseries must be alleviated, and if one plan does not succeed, we must have another." It is not the plans we are after, but the people.

The American is willing to risk something to gain his end. He says: "If we cross prejudices, contradict ancient notions, have to sacrifice a smaller to secure a greater good, what does that matter—go ahead!" The Salvationist argues after the same fashion.

America Likes Me.

I like the American and he likes me, and I believe he would be heartily pleased for me to cross the Atlantic and take you and the International Headquarters with me and fix myself up at New York. And if I were to do so, I believe I should receive such a welcome as has not been given to any stranger landing on their shores from the day the Pilgrim Fathers planted their feet on Plymouth Rock; so you must mind how you treat me here. (Laughter and applause.)

4. *But well as I have been used across the seas, I have come back to the Old Country with my heart as full of love for it as ever.* My love for the friends and comrades of the new world has not lessened my love for the friends and comrades of the old. They say you should be off with the old love before you are on with the new, but I am going to stick to both.

My heart perhaps is not of the largest cast, but nevertheless it is big enough to hold both countries, and all the other countries of the world in addition.

At the close of a meeting in Paris a General in the French Military Army, saluting me, said: "General, you are not an Englishman—you are a man; you belong not to any particular nation—you belong to humanity." I don't think he was far wrong.

However, I have come back, I was going to say, safe and sound. Wounded in body, but that is a trifling affair rapidly mending. On the whole, I think I can say, in as good condition as the day I left you. I have come back wide awake to my great responsibilities, and determined by the grace of God up to the level of my ability to meet them.

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ILLNESS OF MRS. COLONEL HIGGINS.

It is with sorrow that we have to record the severe illness of Mrs. Colonel Higgins. Mrs. Higgins' strength has been overtaxed again and again until a thorough breakdown has resulted, and the doctors insist that she shall not do any work of any kind, or even see her mail for at least two or three weeks. At present writing, however, we are glad to say that she is improving, though but slowly.

Major Weber, of Mrs. Higgins [illegible] also suffering great pain [illegible] aside with an attack of [illegible] She is still very ill, with [illegible] thus far. It is hard to [illegible] will be able to return [illegible] pray that God will [illegible] the means used [illegible]

THE COMMANDER LEADS GREAT MEETINGS AT CHICAGO 1.

Twenty-Six Souls — Self-Denial Target Nearly Doubled.

[BY WIRE.]

CHICAGO, ILL. — Glorious week-end meetings led by the Commander in Chicago. Magnificent crowds, twenty-six souls; some wonderful cases. Princess Rink Self-Denial $750. Target, $400. Colonel Charles Sowton.

ENGLISH SUNDAY

Fourteen Thousand People Crowd to Hear the General.

HIS COOLNESS PREVENTS A PANIC.

Two Hundred and Ten Penitents.

THE rain cloud had exhausted itself, and the weather was delightful on Sunday.

St. James' Hall, Manchester, where the meetings were held all day, has a good deal of floor space and no gilt decorations. Empty, it's a wilderness, and at best but a building. Full, it's rather taking, for it has neither pillars nor galleries to hide the crowd, unless you call the shelf-like arrangement at the back a gallery.

The central square had been curtained off by a cautious and careful staff. The space thus reserved would have held a very large morning congregation, but the curtains were cut loose from their hangings before the clock struck half ten. By eleven there were close on 3,500 people present, the biggest morning crowd, indeed, that Manchester has yet turned out. She may do better, but if she keeps on doing as well she has nothing to be ashamed of.

When the "good grey head which all men know" appeared Manchester did a great thing in the way of a welcome.

The General naturally referred to his late accident. "I have returned from the wars wounded," he humorously remarked. "Running along, as young people will do, I slipped on the stairs, but I hope in a very little time, Richard—or, as it is in this case, the General—will be himself again."

His voice was surprisingly strong, stronger, I thought, than the night before, and he seemed marvellously fresh and vigorous, speaking with great freedom and power.

"You speak of difficulties in the way of your getting to Heaven. There are difficulties in the way of your going to Hell. They say the way to Heaven is covered with thorns. Isn't the way to Hell covered with thorns? You cannot get money without difficulty. You cannot amass riches without difficulty. You cannot get drunk without difficulty, and you cannot get sober without difficulty. You cannot get anything without difficulty. You cannot get salvation without difficulty, but you can get it, and you can get it now, full and free."

In the afternoon the crowd came earlier and in greater magnitude.

The spiritual clouds were gathering and filling. The promised shower was nearer.

The General had, he confessed, come with the intention of making what he termed an apology of an address. With something of pathos he said: "But when I look into your faces, what can I do?" What could the General do, and what could but give the very best that was

open your eyes, and said. "No man can own acts. No man bound up that we are bound to be saved or damned in groups, in families. God has given to man the power to say 'No, I will not,' and He has also given him the power to say, 'Yes, I will.' It is a tremendous responsibility which rests upon you, and one not to be lightly disregarded."

Manchester Woke Up

then and there. When the General closed with an impassioned story men breathed hard and quick, and women hid their faces in their hands. There was a ready response to Colonel Lawley's invitation.

Magnificent as a sermon, apart from its moral power and force, was the opinion of a Wesleyan minister on the General's address.

BIG THINGS.

America is a mighty fine country, and treated the General well, though not one bit better than he deserved to be.

America is a country of big things, but even America didn't produce a mightier aggregation of people, a more stupendous gathering, than that which faced him on Sunday night in the unpretentious St. James's Hall. From the platform to the clock, it was a perfect jam. The huge floor was indeed a sea of faces, and the sea, banked up to the walls, flowed up the gallery steps, filled the gallery itself chocker-block, flowed into every available space on the platform, and fetched up even into the rooms to the right, where the penitents were registered, advised, and passed on with a caution. The upper windows looking into the hall were crowded, as were windows on the route on Coronation Day. A few more folks could have been accommodated if they could have performed the acrobatic feat of hanging on to roof or rafters by their

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THE COMMANDER IN THE BOWERY.

TERRIFIC TARGET SMASHING.

FOLLOWING his arduous Sunday the Commander appeared on Monday night at the far-famed Bowery corps in his very best fettle. It was, in fact, nothing short of amazing, having noted last night how wearied his throat had been, to see now how alert, vigorous and clear-voiced he appeared.

The Bowery approves of the Commander, that's patent; its residents and habitues were on the alert for him, not only in the hall but on the street, when the open-air took place. A fine crowd gathered at the stand, and when, after a generous half-hour of music, testimony and exhortation, the march took its way to the hall, a considerable proportion of the bystanders followed.

A Genuine Bowery Crowd.

The consequence was that the hall was filled with a genuine good Bowery audience. By the time the opening song was given out seats were pretty much at a premium, and late comers had perforce to accommodate themselves as they could.

A Bowery crowd is always responsive; it needed little indeed of Lieut-Colonel Gifford's encouragement to set the big audience to singing heartily, and in fact throughout the service of the evening there was a spontaneous heartiness, a palpable enjoyment that did the heart good.

The fact is, this big crowd of people were enjoying themselves, and they made no bones of showing that they were.

Graceful Platform Decorations.

What with the regular soldiery of the corps, the National Staff Band and the visiting comrades, the big, broad platform was filled to its capacity. In honor of the occasion, too, it had been prettily decked, a huge eight or ten foot cross, surcharged in crimson with the words "Self-Denial," occupying the front centre and making a very striking appearance. Hovering above it, and thereby lending added beauty to the idea, was a snow-white dove, its wings outspread as if it were about to settle upon the summit of the structure.

The meeting was conducted after the order laid out by the Commander and Consul in the beautiful Self-Denial service compiled by them, the audience taking hearty part in it. This was particularly noticeable when the Commander conducted the general prayer and the responsive reading; it is doubtful if anywhere in any church a more general and a more spontaneous observance of the liturgy could be found than was manifested here in New York's famous East-Side Salvation Army hall.

A Contented and Happy Audience.

The fact is, the audience liked it all. They have long liked The Army, they have from the first liked the Commander, and now they liked the meeting as well.

Lieut.-Colonel Gifford's song, especially composed for this Self-Denial season, made an immediate hit, the audience singing the chorus over and over again with great satisfaction. Another striking feature of the meeting was the familiarity shown by this Bowery crowd with the fine old hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." It was noticeable that nine out of ten of the persons present sung it as if they had known it all their lives.

Volleys for General and Consul.

Rousing volleys greeted the names of the General and the Consul as the Commander read their messages to the American field, and cheers frequently broke in upon the Commander's statement of the mighty work being accomplished throughout the world by The Army, which work the assets of Self-Denial Week will go to further and enlarge. He told of the magnificent total achieved by the recently closed Self-Denial campaign in Great Britain, and with enthusiasm looked forward to the day when we of the United States shall stand second to none in the grandeur of our achievements.

Particular approbation was shown by the audience when the Commander spoke of the General's ambition to have in this country a great Salvation Army training school or college for the proper fitting and education of officers to the American field. That seemed to strike the Bowery folk as a very great idea indeed; they applauded it to the echo.

Bringing In the Sheaves.

Everyone was agog as soon as the Commander announced the opening of the altar service. Adjutant Brown—otherwise, as Lieut.-Colonel Gifford dubbed him, the Bishop of the Bowery—evidently stands high in the estimation of his diocese, and Mrs. Brown and Captain Smith are no whit less appreciated.

The band gave its unique receipts for the various sums as they were announced by Colonel Gifford, and the Bowery boys turned loose their enthusiasm every time a goodly sum was mentioned.

It needed no especial gift of propheey to see that the corps target was going to be smashed to bits; and so indeed it was by something like $112, the target being $210 and the sum raised $322.

The Commander laid the offering before God in an impassioned prayer of consecration, and then proceeding immediately to the prayer meeting turned the conduct of it over to Lieut.-Colonel Gifford, himself going out as a fisher among the audience, and returning thanks in the end for three precious souls in the Fountain.

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A BIT OF HEAVEN IN HARLEM.

THE COMMANDER AND STAFF WERE THERE.

THE Commander crowned his series of Self-Denial meetings with the service held at New York 4 on Tuesday evening, April 7th.

Adjutant Campbell had advertised the meeting well, and a fine audience gathered in a pretty, flag-decked hall in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street. The Commander was greeted with hearty cheers upon his entrance from the open-air, accompanied by Lieut.-Colonel Gifford, Brigadier Johnson, and other members of the staff, and the National Staff Band, too, came in for its share of plaudits because of its excellent work.

Large and Attentive Audience.

The weather was not of the best, being rather threatening of the proverbial April showers; nevertheless the hall was filled with a fine audience that gave the closest attention to the evening's services.

The Commander took the reins from the start, conducting the meeting after the printed form already mentioned in these reports. The audience entered heartily into the spirit of the services, reading the responses and following the prayer in a thoroughly devout manner.

Once more Lieut.-Colonel Gifford's special song made a hit, the people catching up the chorus readily and singing it with great relish.

The Commander was at his best to-night, notwithstanding the heavy series of meetings of the two previous days. With his first words he set the impress of self-denial, of self-sacrifice upon the service, telling something of the way in which The Army's great annual week of

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A CONVERTED OPIUM FIEND.

Delivered from the Effects of the Poppy by the Grace of God.

BROTHER C. V. WEST was born September 26, 1867, at Mount Vernon, Ill. His early life does not differ greatly from other people's lives. He lived at home with his parents, attended public school, learned how to gamble for marbles, smoke cigarettes, chew tobacco, play hookey from school, tease cats and dogs and read Wild West novels. His parents moved to Missouri, where they stayed for several years, then removed to Colorado just one year before it became a State. This was in 1875. He lived a wild, reckless life in the mountains, and became so bad that his father sent him to college to straighten him up.

After leaving college he commenced to learn the arts of an architect, a profession which had been handed down from father to son for many generations. He served an apprenticeship in shop and office for seven years, then started out in life to carve his way to fame. He was very successful, securing fine positions in different parts of the country, working in Chicago, Ill.; Cincinnati, O.; Louisville, Ky.; Nashville, Tenn.; New Orleans, La.; also in the States of Alabama, Texas and Colorado. He gives his career briefly as follows:

"I was married in 1885, in Nashville, Tenn., to a young lady who was on a visit there from Ohio. We were blest with a daughter, whom I loved dearly, though I drank quite heavily at that time, and was fond of spending my nights playing pool and drinking wine and whisky. My mother-in-law remonstrated with me about drinking and staying away from home at nights, and I thought she had no business to interfere, so one afternoon, in the Fall of 1890, after

A VERY FIERCE QUARREL,

I left the house and went on a big spree, and never went home again. I boarded a Burlington train and came to Colorado, and I have never heard from them nor they from me from that day to this; but an effort is now being made by God's help to find them.

"After coming to Colorado I drifted from bad to worse, mixing with all classes of people, and finally, getting disgusted with everything, I started to smoke opium. At first it did not agree with me; I did not know how to smoke it, but I persevered, and soon cultivated an appetite for it.

"When I first started to use this drug I went every night to the Chinese den, but as the habit grew upon me I would slip off during the day and smoke a few pipes, yet even this did not satisfy me; I would stay away from the office for an hour or two every afternoon. It seemed as though every nerve in my body hungered and thirsted for more—always more—until I would stay away for days at a time, and my employer would remonstrate with me, and tell me if I did not attend regularly to business he would have to dispense with my services.

"I struggled on for four years, then I quit work altogether and spent my whole time in dens, making what money I could by soliciting and spending every cent for opium, never caring to eat or drink, being wholly given up in thought and action to the awful drug. I never doubted but what I could quit any time I chose to do so.

"I said to myself for six years, 'I can quit any time I want to.' But when the time came that

THE DRUG POISONED ME

and I wanted to break loose from it, and said, 'I will quit this; I have gone far enough,' I could not. I said, 'I will have to quit by degrees—taper off;' but the more I wanted to quit, the stronger the drug took hold of me and forced me to use it against my will, until I loathed myself, the drug and the Chinamen who cooked the pills for me.

"I lost all hope; everything was black; no pleasure; driven from one place to another by officials, until finally I landed in San Francisco, Cal., in its Chinatown, the land of paradise for the opium fiend, with its arms wide open to receive me, and I fell into its embrace. I had been in many opium dens in my time, but here I found the genuine article. I fell in with a class of people where money came easily and went easily, and for years I spent my whole time trying to make myself forget that I ever lived.

"It was on Kearney Street, one night, I heard someone singing a song. Oh, but it sounded so sweet to my soul! I stopped and listened. It was the only thing in years that had touched my heart. I longed for my youth again, to be as innocent as once I was as I clung to my mother's knee. I followed the band of Salvationists to their hall, at the corner of Kearney and Sacramento Streets, expecting I would hear the song again. There they told me that

JESUS COULD MAKE THE VILEST CLEAN.

I did not understand. I thought that it was meant for someone who had never sinned—that no one could save a poor opium fiend. Long and faithfully they dealt with me; they told me that there was hope for the hopeless, and a Christ for the Christless ones. I was deeply convicted. I did not know what was the matter with me, but I could not make up my mind to come out and make the start.

"One day, some months after this—it was Monday, September 8, 1902—I felt as if it was my last day. But I, who had often wished for death, was

AFRAID TO DIE;

I felt that I would be lost. I said if Jesus is able to save me it would just be then. I made up my mind to go to Him. I went to No. 2 hall, at the corner of Kearney and Sacramento Streets, where they told me to wait, as it was soldiers' meeting; that I could come in soon, and they would pray for me. I knelt at the penitent-form and called upon God to save a poor sinner like me. I did all I could, and He did all He could, and I arose, an opium smoker for ten years, saved by grace. Glory to God!

"The officers took me to The Salvation Army Workingmen's Hotel, and the officers there and the comrades of No. 2 watched, nursed and prayed with me for a week, night and day. My suffering was short. Jesus healed me. Now I am free from the bondage, free from sin, through the precious Blood of Jesus, who died that the vilest may be clean. The Salvation Army was my salvation. It is truly the hope of the hopeless, and there is a Christ for the Christless.

"God bless Ensign Gertrude Barbe and Captain Addie McKean for their labor of love, their patience and longsuffering with me, for their prayers and faith that I should be made a soldier and witness who would be willing to die for Jesus Christ."

"In the Paradise of the Opium Fiend."

Our comrade was afterwards taken care of by the Social Department, and work was found for him. He is now assisting at the new Metropole, another Social institution in San Francisco, where he has daily opportunities of helping others who are like he used to be. God bless and keep him!

Major Fynn.

Atlantic Coast Notes.

Philadelphia 6 is booming ahead under the able management of Captain and Mrs. Dermody. Souls are being saved and made into candidates continually. The crowds are excellent both in the open air and in the hall; finances are O. K. One cannot visit this corps without feeling that the old-time Salvation Army is far from being a thing of the past. The hall has been renovated and a new platform made.

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Philadelphia 4.—This corps is also going ahead. Open-air crowds are splendid; hundreds of people listen to the Gospel message; finances are also good. If there is anything in the division that can beat Philadelphia 4 juniors, please tell me what it is! Great credit is due to Sergeant-Major Accors, who seems specially adapted to J. S. Work. The juniors recently gave a supper, which was a great success. I overheard a whisper of an important event likely to happen soon in this corps, but mum's the word. All things come to those who wait.

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Philadelphia 2.—Adjutant Ward, the ever-faithful and plodding officer of this corps, has got things well in hand. This is generally described as being a big thing to manage, but the Adjutant certainly knows how to do it. A number of souls have been saved, and there has been a marked improvement financially.

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Philadelphia 15 has recently secured and successfully opened a new hall. They have good crowds and good finances. Several have requested prayer. The old soldiers are returning, and we anticipate a great work at this corps. Ensign Magee is a hustler, and he lets no grass grow under his feet.

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Baltimore 2 has been opened by Captain and Mrs. Winterborn, and from reports we judge things are all right. Two hundred people were present Sunday night; finances were excellent. Everything [illegible] grade.

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We have also secured a hall for [illegible] more 3, and Captain and Mrs. Dunn [illegible] gone to open same. Cheering news comes from Martinsburg, Va., which is another new opening, with Ensign and Mrs. Lentz in charge. A new hall has been secured for $10 per month. The Ensign says the crowds are good, and the people are coming to our aid in every way. The first week's collections were $26.

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And what shall we say about Self-Denial? Practically every officer seems certain of his or her target. I know of one officer who has cornered his target already, and still he goes on.

McCormick.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COL.—We have had a good week, finishing with rousing meetings all day Sunday that resulted in the sanctification of two souls, four seeking salvation, seven seniors and five bright junior soldiers enrolled, also eleven local officers commissioned. To God be all the glory. We have raised our War Cry order to 250 and Young Soldier to 100.—J. F. Hamilton, Ensign.

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Lee was first a soldier of the Grand Rapids corps, was a member of the band there, and is at present helping Captain and Mrs. Petrie at Owosso.

Notes from the Midwestern Chief Division.

Captain A. Swanson, of Lincoln, and Captain and Mrs. Erb, of the Iowa Brigade, have been promoted to the rank of Ensign. We offer, on behalf of all our comrades, hearty congratulations, and pray that God will make these comrades more successful than ever in the great work of soul-saving.

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Captain Stubbs reports big times in Waterloo: "Last night hall full, stairway packed and many turned away; finished up with six souls at the penitent-form; meeting lasted till 12 o'clock. Everything looks bright. We will raise our Self-Denial target."

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Captain Brant is having good times at the new outpost, Newton. He has already sworn in six new soldiers there.

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Captain Cunningham is appointed to Mason City, Ia., and will be assisted by Lieutenant Meyer, who has just been re-accepted by N. H. Q. We believe they will have victory there.

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Captain Storey, the J. S. S. S., has just returned from visiting every corps in Iowa and Nebraska. He is delighted with the prospects for the Junior War. He has just had eleven local officers commissioned for Oskaloosa, six for Muscatine, and three for Sioux City. More to follow. Also quite a number of corps cadets' applications have been made.

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Something has happened at the home of Ensign and Mrs. Erb, which you will find described in the first thirteen words of the sixth verse of the ninth chapter of Isaiah. All well! Congratulations!

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The Brigadier is at present conducting special meetings in Western Nebraska.

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Omaha, under Adjutant Crawford, is having big crowds and splendid finances; souls are getting saved right along. Des Moines has had 107 souls during the past few months. To God be all the glory!

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Captain Luther, our divisional stenographer, has been down with grip, but is now back to the office.

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The General Secretary spent the week-end with the Nebraska Brigade at Stratton. The stereopticon lecture, "In Darkest ...a," was well received, and the ... up to our expectation. Rev. ... of the Baptist Church, ... in all the services.

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...ought us back to ... where we found ... spent with ... Bluffs was ... and

Through French Spectacles

A RECENTLY-issued French volume, "Five Months in the United States," by Urban Gohier, reviewing the work of The Army in America, makes the following interesting statements:

"The Salvation Army is more picturesque. In France we simply see the men and women of that organization offering in the streets their journal En Avant. In the United States, in all the cities, at the corner of the streets during the evening, one meets detachments of General Booth's soldiers, armed with big drums, trombones and flags, giving their little representations. They stop, sing some hymns, give in turn their public confession, drop upon their knees on the pavement to implore God's blessing, sing some new hymns whilst clapping their hands, play some discordant pieces of music, and start off marching again, escorted by a crowd of gamins, recommencing their services further off.

"This spectacle is very strange for a European, but it is still more strange that nobody laughs at them or even smiles. Pieces of nickel and pieces of silver rain into the tambourine or on to the bass drum. Passers-by stop, listen, and leave without making any fun of them. The women of The Salvation Army go to sell their papers or push their researches in the most dangerous quarters. They penetrate into alleys where the police would not dare venture. They are never insulted. There is something else in their work beside the religious propaganda and the somewhat ridiculous parade, something else beside the Bible and the trombone.

"I wished to look into the matter myself, and I have seen with my own eyes why the members of The Salvation Army are respected in all the country, and why they carry on innumerable gatherings, and what a profound hold they possess on the suffering population.

"I have seen their night lodgings for homeless men and women, managed with decency and with rigorous propriety, where they can sleep, wash and live for twelve sous, ten sous, even at St. Louis for five sous, and a five sou piece is scarcely worth with them as much as our two sous. I have seen their Children's Day Nurseries, where the babies are taken care of, washed, nursed, provided with toys, or resting on nice little cots all the day whilst their mothers are at work. I have seen their tea-rooms, where they have music and prayer, fresh and pleasant in the most nauseating thoroughfares, and their Industrial Homes, where waste labor is applied to waste material—that is to say, where they receive old papers, old furniture, and old clothes, gathered from the whole city, to have them repaired by men who are out of work, and resold for the benefit of the work. These men are lodged, clothed, nourished, and receive from five to twenty francs per week.

"I have seen their Homes of Refuge, where poor girls can escape from a life of vice and scandal, and are preserved from their own corrupters; where their little ones are cared for, and they are enabled to re-enter on a life of honest toil.

"Then, there are also their Cheap Food Depots (one sou), Depots for Cheap Clothing, Homes for Working Girls with insufficient salary, Hospitals and Free Dispensaries, their Stores for the sale of fuel in Winter, and blocks of ice for a penny in Summer. They have also Employment Bureaux, which obtain positions, and Information Bureaux, which find lost relatives and friends. They have Summer Camps, to which they send women and their little ones for fresh air for several days during the terrible hot weather. Finally, they have an entire enterprise for colonization, which seeks to reunite the landless man to the manless land, occupying a region in wonderful Colorado.

"Their night Lodgings give shelter in the United States to 144,000 persons per month, in 75 institutions. Their Industrial Homes, numbering 36, produce 40,000 francs per month. There are 21 Homes of Refuge for poor girls; 728 suffering creatures were received in them during the last year, and ninety per cent. of these were definitely saved. They send now 15,000 mothers and children from the great cities to their Summer Camps. Throughout the entire world, but principally in countries where the English language is spoken, the same activity is displayed with the same results."

hearers. At Fremont, with Captain Shomburg, we had victory. The corps has been without officers for several weeks, yet we feel there are brighter days ahead. One very impressive feature of our visit was the starting of regular Sunday meetings in the county jail. The men confined there were a little inclined to regard our coming with suspicion, but that all disappeared during our meeting. They joined heartily in the singing, and were deeply impressed with the words spoken. We believe there is going to be a soul-saving work done here. A young lady sought Christ in our Sunday afternoon meeting.

Flashing Sparks from the Southwestern Anvil.

Lieut.-Colonel Addie has started on a two-weeks' trip in Texas, visiting Houston, Beaumont, Galveston, Orange and Lake Charles.

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Staff-Captain and Mrs. Harris helped out at Topeka in the interests of Self-Denial.

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The Texas D. O. is in for extensions all along the line, and several new cities have been entered.

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Amongst the number are Orange, Lake Charles and Waco, and the prospects are splendid for good Salvation Army corps. Hobart, Oklahoma, is also a recent opening, and has a Captain in charge from the last session in Chicago.

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Lieut.-Colonel Marshall, our nearest neighbor, and Staff-Captain Campbell, were welcome visitors at Provincial Headquarters this week. Brigadier and Mrs. Peebles also dropped in to see us on their way back to Colorado.

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Ensign Willis is at present down with smallpox. Let every comrade pray for our comrade's speedy recovery. Extensive alterations are being made at our Workingmen's Hotel, Kansas City, and when these are completed we shall certainly have a beautiful place. An ice-cream social for friends and patrons will mark the opening.

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Ensign and Mrs. Shriver are having good times at Kansas City, and things are looking up in every way. Six souls were at the altar last Sunday night, and one at Kansas City 3, even though they are without officers. Good, indeed!

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Joe the Turk is expected out this way soon, and things will hum when Joe is around. Welcome, Joseph!

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We have just lost a bright corps cadet by death in Oklahoma City, whose last words were, "I'll go all the way."

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Captain and Mrs. Waters are having good times in the above city. Converts and crowds are increasing, and in addition a bright Junior Work is in good working order.

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If not too late to mention, we would heartily extend congratulations to the erstwhile Captain Zedau, of Dallas, who now ranks as Ensign. A well-deserved promotion, indeed!

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Adjutant and Mrs. Cowan, with the above-named Ensign, have things well in hand in Dallas, and victory is their portion.

W. H. H.

JOE THE TURK'S MEETINGS

As soon as I arrived in New York from my Western trip Mrs. Higgins arranged for me to visit the Slum corps and Rescue Homes. I gave zonophone musicals in all these places. At Cherry Street No. 1 Slum post we had a great march in the open air, and the hall was crowded. One poor man came forward for salvation. Also at No. 2 Slums the place was tremendously stirred up. One backslider sought salvation. At No. 3 Slums I had quite a time with a policeman while we were holding the meeting in the open air. He tried to interfere, but did not succeed. We kept the crowd and held our ground. Here, too, a man cried to God for salvation. We had a great time at the Rescue Home on Fifteenth Street, where the Industrial Home girls united with us for the meeting. Five girls knelt down and prayed for salvation.

First in the Metropolitan Division I visited No. 4 (Harlem), and had a great time in spite of the pouring rain. God blessed us greatly, and a beautiful crowd was present. At No. 11 also we had good crowds, both in the open air and at the inside meeting. I spent a week-end at Mt. Vernon. The building was crowded. I held a meeting Sunday afternoon in a mission church at New Rochelle. On Monday night a meeting was held for the newsboys. Coffee and cake were served. I gave them a zonophone musical also. Four night meetings at No. 9 followed. Several persons professed conversion. I visited Brooklyn 1, and had a good time. One man came to God for salvation. A week-end was spent at Brooklyn 9 and 7, with crowded meetings in both corps. Two souls found pardon. At No. 7, New York, I spent one night. I held a meeting in the Braveman Building, which was filled for the occasion. Six men raised their hands to be prayed for, and one knelt at the penitent-form.

I then commenced with Jersey City corps. Visited No. 1, and had two nights of meetings, with a crowded hall and one soul for salvation. At Newark 2 I spent St. Patrick's Day, and took advantage of the excitement in the city. In Jersey City also I had some good crowds. The Staff Band turned out, and we had a rousing time.

Adjutant Garabed.

OFFICERS, ATTENTION!

The appended picture is that of a young man whose father was for years a faithful Salvationist. The boy is at present roaming around, it is supposed, in the neighborhood of Vineland, N. J., or Philadelphia, Pa. Will the officers at these corps and others in the neighborhood, take this matter upon their hearts! The boy is peculiar in his actions, and may be recognized from the photograph herewith printed. Has a

very prominent nose, full set of false teeth, and habitually stares. Answers to the name of William Karcher. He will probably attend Salvation Army meetings wherever he may happen to be, and possibly call at the officers' quarters. Is well known to Lieut.-Colonel Cox, and likely to mention the fact to officers. Send word of his whereabouts to Lieut.-Colonel Cox, 120 West Fourteenth Street, New York City, who will be glad, if possible, to return the boy to his broken-hearted parents.

BELFORD, N. J.—We commenced indoor meetings at this outpost about six months ago with one soldier. We hold holiness meetings, soldiers' meetings, and a public meeting during the week. There was much opposition at first, but three souls have been converted and two recruits sworn in, so we feel inspired to go on.—Brother Morris, for Adjutant and Mrs. Carey.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y.—Souls are being saved here. Ten have sought salvation since our last report. Victory is ours. —Captain Larkin and Lieutenant Goelner.

COMING EVENTS.

APRIL AND MAY.

THE COMMANDER

BOISE CITY, Thursday, April 23d.
WALLA WALLA, Friday, April 24th.
SEATTLE, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 25th, 26th and 27th.
TACOMA, Tuesday, April 28th.
PORTLAND, Wednesday, April 29th.
SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, May 2d, 4th and 5th.
OAKLAND, Sunday, May 3d.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

UNIONTOWN, Sunday, May 17th.
PITTSBURG, Monday, May 18th.

THE FIELD SECRETARY.

NEWARK 2, Thursday, April 23.
NORRISTOWN, Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26.
FALL RIVER, Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3.
NEWARK 1 (monthly holiness meeting), Friday, May 8.
JERSEY CITY 2 (monthly holiness meeting), Friday, May 15.
BROOKLYN SALVAGE, Wednesday, May 20.

LIEUT.-COLONEL A. CHANDLER, M. T. H.

NEW YORK 1, Friday, April 24.
ASBURY PARK, Sunday, April 26.
MT. VERNON, Sunday, May 3.
PHILADELPHIA 4 (Wedding of Captain Roper), Tuesday, May 5.

LIEUT.-COLONEL COX, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF.

NEW YORK CITY (Braveman Building), Thursday, April 23.
PATERSON, Tuesday, May 12.

LIEUT.-COLONEL BRENGLE.

LARAMIE, Monday and Tuesday, April 20 and 21.
GREELEY, Wednesday and Thursday, April 22 and 23.
DENVER, Saturday to Monday, April 25 to 27.
COLORADO SPRINGS, Tuesday to Thursday, April 28 to 30.
CRIPPLE CREEK, Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3.
VICTOR, Monday and Tuesday, May 4 and 5.
CANON CITY, Wednesday and Thursday, May 6 and 7.
PUEBLO, Saturday and Sunday, May 9 and 10.
ALBERQUERQUE, Tuesday to Thursday, May 12 to 14.
EL PASO, Saturday to Thursday, May 16 to 21.
ROSWELL, Saturday to Monday, May 23 to 25.

NATIONAL STAFF BAND.

CATSKILL, Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17.
NEWARK 2, Sunday, May 31.

COLONEL R. E. HOLZ.

JACKSON, Monday, April 20.
CINCINNATI 1, Tuesday, April 21.
Officer's Council, Wednesday, April 22.
YOUNGSTOWN, Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26.

COLONEL SOWTON.

CALUMET, Monday and Tuesday, April 20 and 21.
ISHPEMING 2, Wednesday and Thursday, April 22 and 23.
DULUTH 2, Saturday, April 25.
WEST SUPERIOR 2, Sunday, April 26.
WILMAR, Monday and Tuesday, April 27 and 28.
MINNEAPOLIS 7, Wednesday, April 29.
MINNEAPOLIS 4, Thursday, April 30.
ST. PAUL 2, Friday, May 1.
CHICAGO 31, Thursday, May 7.
PROVINCIAL BRIGADE, Saturday and Sunday, May 9 and 10.
ROCKFORD 2, Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17.
BOISE CITY, Tuesday, May 19.
BOONE, Wednesday, May 20.
E. DES MOINES, Thursday, May 21.
MOLINE, Saturday and Sunday, May 23 and 24.
ISLAND PARK, Saturday, May 30.

COLONEL FRENCH.

SALT LAKE CITY, Tuesday, April 21.
BOISE CITY, Thursday, April 23.
WALLA WALLA, Friday, April 24.
SEATTLE, Saturday to Monday, April 25 to 27.
TACOMA, Tuesday, April 28.
PORTLAND, Wednesday, April 29.
SAN FRANCISCO (United Soldiers), Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, April 3 (afternoon and evening.
SAN QUENTIN, Sunday, May 3 (morning).
SAN FRANCISCO (Chinese), Monday, May 4.
OAKLAND, Tuesday, May 5.

LIEUT.-COLONEL GIFFORD.

NEW YORK 3, Wednesday, April 22.
PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, April 25.
WILMINGTON, Sunday, April 26.
BALTIMORE, Monday, April 27.
WASHINGTON, Tuesday, April 28.
ASBURY PARK, Friday, May 1.
NEW YORK 1 (officers' council and united soldiers), Monday, May 4.
JERSEY CITY, Tuesday, May 5.
NEW YORK 5, Saturday, May 9.
STAPLETON, Sunday, May 10.
CATSKILL, Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17, Monday, May 18 (officers' council).
PHILADELPHIA (officers' council), Monday, May 25.
MT. VERNON, Wednesday, May 27.
NEWARK 2, Sunday, May 31.

LIEUT.-COLONEL MARSHALL.

MT. VERNON, Monday, April 27.
AURORA, Tuesday, April 28.

BRIGADIER STILLWELL.

IRONWOOD, Monday, April 20.
ASHLAND, Tuesday, April 21.
DULUTH, Wednesday, April 22.

MRS. BRIGADIER STILLWELL

W. SUPERIOR, April 20 to 26.

AN ENGLISH SUNDAY.

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eyebrows. Few could have found additional foothold in all that vast building. Some said there were between eight and nine thousand people present, and those who said it knew, or said they knew, the capacity of the hall. At a political meeting that vast crowd would certainly have counted for ten thousand. Six thousand would perhaps be nearer the mark—a good six thousand.

Huge as was the crowd, and far away as were the people on its utmost fringe, it was yet quickly responsive, and the first song, "There is a Better World, They Say," struck oil at the first sinking. The entire audience took it up and sang it in a rapture of pure delight. One could, so to say, hear the flipping of the angels' wings and the first tinkle of the heavenly joy-bells ringing over repenting sinners.

Immediately the throat-bursting shout which welcomed the General as he stood to his feet ceased, a deep and profound silence prevailed. And the silence was remarkable, and as a lull before the storm, for what I have to relate further on was

Thrilling Enough, God Knows.

But I must not anticipate.

The General spoke of the increasing kindness of the people to himself. They said with their eyes, if they did not with their lips, "Glad to see you back." He had felt all day, yes, from the commencement of the Saturday night meeting, that the Spirit of the Lord had been upon him. He had come up in weakness. God had clothed his words with power. Then with deepening pathos:

"The lengthening shadows remind me that my days are numbered. As I have read of one mighty Salvation leader after another being hurried away from the scene of his activities, I have asked myself, 'Shall I be the next to stand before the Great White Throne?' because I associate death with judgment. I have one more opportunity, perhaps the last one I shall ever have, to warn you of the coming judgment. God grant that I may have the physical strength, the mental energy to do it faithfully."

"Think, think, think," he cried, "think until the fountain of your tears is broken up, and then come and offer yourself to Jesus with the prayer, 'God be merciful to me, a sinner.'"

I was ruminating on the power of the human voice to hold and sway so mighty a crowd, for a spell seemed cast upon the people. Raising his voice, The General thundered:

"From every sin you commit in your heart, in the silence of your own chamber, there goes up a cry for vengeance, for punishment." Silence reigned but for the sound of the General's voice. Suddenly there was a cry of "Fire!" followed by a piercing shriek.

A Woman Leaped

out of the gallery on to the heads of those on the floor beneath. Instantly all was in confusion. The audience quivered and trembled like some wounded thing. An impulse to rush seemed to seize the crowd; two hundred nearest the door bolted, carrying the chairs with them in their mad headlong flight. For a moment the remainder stood irresolute, swayed, gathered themselves together, and held to their places. The coolness of the General and Commissioner Coombs, and of the officers and soldiers on the platform, saved the situation, but for a moment it was touch and go. The band struck up, the platform sang. Gradually people settled into their seats, and in a few minutes the General had taken up his address at the very word where he had dropped it, and soon had the entire attention of the audience.

To pacify so large a crowd when stricken with dread and fear as this one was would have been a great achievement in itself, but to turn the meeting into the mighty triumph which followed made it a stupendous feat. The slightest sign of fear on the part of the General would have set the whole throng running doorward. His great courage set a good portion of the audience running penitent-formward, and a young man from the very back of the hall led the way. "A hero for God," the General called him. Pretty soon he was crying with a voice of lamentation, "Lord, save my soul." The Lord did.

The last man out was, according to his own statement, "the worst man in Manchester," a drunken, evil-living fellow, who did more wickedness than his size warranted. He made the 137th.

Colonel Lawley told me how the fright occurred. The wires of the electric light fused. Two arc globes went out, the sparks flew, and a man sitting in the gallery, seeing the sparks, thought he was going to be burnt alive, and shouted "Fire!"

Speaking of the occurrence, the General said it was the most remarkable he had witnessed in the whole of his public life, and he had seen some things up and down the world. Considering the number involved—practically the whole audience was affected, the number who fainted—there were thirty or forty—the overturning of chairs and benches, and the mad rush for the doors, it betokened and would have resulted in a catastrophe had not God mercifully intervened. He helped us to sing "There is a Better World, They Say," and to calm and quieten the people. That such an affair should not interfere with the result of the meeting, was an additional reason for thankfulness to God.

As the General passed through the registration room a crowd lingered at the door to say once more, "Glad to see you back again, good old man!"

PENITENTS.

Saturday night	37
Sunday morning	21
Sunday afternoon	15
Sunday night	137
Total	210

The Commander's Headquarters Holiness Meeting

FOURTH OF THE SERIES.

IT was a wet evening, but the fact that this was to be the last of the series of four special holiness meetings conducted by the Commander, which have been attended with so much blessing and power—with the additional fact that, owing to his lengthy Western tour, this would be the last time a New York audience would be privileged to listen to our loved leader for some considerable time—was sufficient to attract a crowd of respectable proportions, rain or no rain, to the Memorial Hall.

The service was gladsome as well as weighty. The Commander was ably seconded by the Chief Secretary, and attended by Lieut.-Colonels Miles, Scott, Cox and Margetts, Brigadier Osborne, Major Hull, and others, [illegible] members of the splendid str[illegible] by Staff-Captain Nice, which [illegible] such efficient musical service.

The majority of the staff present [illegible] ing come almost directly from the sta[illegible] gathering into this public meeting, a distinct feeling of strengthened comradeship was felt, as well as a personal stretching-out of spiritual desire. Harmony is a well-known attribute of the Kingdom of Grace, therefore our readers will understand we were directly in the path of God's blessing when it is stated that, from Commander to cadet, a beautiful feeling of family unitedness was apparent, the only discordant notes, if there were any, proceeding from the hearts of the unsaved and unsanctified scattered throughout the hall.

A searching after God seemed to be the predominant feature. It shone forth during the Chief Secretary's announcement of the opening song, with its tender appeal to the lover of souls—

"Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus."

It made itself manifest in the Commander's telling effort to lead all to the mountain-top of faith and desire in a few poignant remarks, and in the singing over and over of a blessing-freighted chorus upon our knees. It spoke in Colonel Scott's prayer. It breathed through the solos of the ever-welcome Ensign Dickens, and voiced itself in the testimonies of Staff-Captains Simonson, Johnson and Brooks, a trio of gallant Staff-Captains who acquitted themselves well in the matter of rendering a good reason for the faith that was within them.

The Commander, whose face to us had the suggestion of weariness upon it, arose. We must be excused for indulging in a little personal and inaudible soliloquy. We were trying to measure the weight of responsibility and Christ-like anxiety which must full often fall upon his sensitive spirit.

The tenderness of his eyes, as he looked over the congregation, the pleading entreaty of his language, and the hope and faith of the man's very soul seemed to write afresh upon our minds who also stand with him in the battle the unutterable value of an uttermost surrender even of a single life to God, while we were equally assured of the fathomless comfort and strength which the sanctified are able to draw from Him whose "all" is pledged to those who follow, even without the camp.

The Commander's subject was announced to be "Consuming Fires." Whether it was that he dealt with it somewhat contrary to our expectations, or whether that he covered by his well-armed truths and pointed illustrations so much more ground than it seemed to us any one subject could allow of, we do not know, but certainly the opportunities and possibilities open to red-hot and zealous soldiers came to us with a new revelation.

Samson's strength was brought before us with vivid touch as by

FINGER OF ETERNITY.

on canvas of time. We could be Samsons. The giant evils of indifference and unbelief were around us in this day and generation. We could do exploits, pull down the pillars of Satan, and do it without the backsliding and defeat which marred that champion's history. We could do it without shadow of turning, and do it by the grace of God, the same yesterday, to-day and forever, to the astonishment, conviction and salvation of a perishing world.

The Chief Secretary rendered gallant assistance at our leader's side, during a superbly fought prayer-meeting, and weeping suppliants at Jesus' feet, before its close, abundantly proved that li[illegible] been given and the fire had fal[illegible]

S. D. TARGET[illegible]

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Ogden, Utah[illegible] for $100.—Ca[illegible]

2 CORPS STILL OUT IN THE RAIN!

...ition on War Cry No. 1123.

...OVINCES AND CHIEF DIVISIONS

Pacific Coast.—French	13226
Ohio, Ken. and Southern.—Holz	9125
Central—Gifford	8055
Chicago and Scandinavian—Sowton	8042
New England—Evans	6500
Midland—Marshall	5378
Western New York—McIntyre	4818
Southwestern—Addie	4545
Northwestern—Stillwell	4444
Indiana and Michigan—Cox	3371
Rocky Mountains—Pebbles	3265
Slum—Mrs. Colonel Higgins	2795
Midwestern—Toft	2565
Training Homes	1095

THE AVERAGES.

Rocky Mountains—Pebbles	225
Slum—Mrs. Colonel Higgins	139
Chicago and Scandinavian—Sowton	138
Western New York—McIntyre	127
Pacific Coast—French	124
Midland—Marshall	118
Ohio, Ken. and Southern—Holz	114
New England—Evans	110
Northwestern—Stillwell	106
Central—Gifford	105
Midwestern—Toft	97
Southwestern—Addie	95
Indiana and Michigan—Cox	84

THE CHAMPIONS.

St. Louis 1, Mo.—Smith	1111
Honolulu, H. I.—Coe	820
San Francisco 6, Cal.—Wolff	810
Seattle 1, Wash.—McAbee	700
Boston 2—Hughes	600
Oakland, Cal.—Hawkes	550
St. Joseph, Mo.—Bree	500
Salt Lake City, Utah.—Loney	500
Buffalo 1, N. Y.—Anderson	500
Washington, D. C.—Sowers	410
New York 1.—Parsons	405
Los Angeles 1, Cal.—Woodward	400
Los Angeles 2, Cal.—Hawk	400
New York Slum Post 1.—Johnson	400
Skowhegan, Me.—Parkins	400
Sharon, Pa.—Senn	400
Roswell, N. M.—Smith	400
Pueblo, Col.—Anderson	375
Cincinnati 1, O.—Dodd	365
Denver, Col.—Bradley	360
El Paso—Young	350
Boise City, Ida.—Wood	350
Victor, Col.—Pitt	350
Chelsea, Mass.—Tilley	350
Muncie, Ind.—Watkins	326
Cleveland 2, O.—Bartlett	316
Cleveland 1, O.—Heift	300
Portland 4, Ore.—Hill	300
Sacramento 1, Cal.—Plumstead	300
San Francisco 1, Cal.—Manhart	300
Men's Training Home, Chicago.—Brewer	300
Galveston, Tex.—Howard	300
Newark 1, N. J.—Sheppard	300
San Francisco 3, Cal.—Barbe	300
San Francisco 1, Cal.—Anderson	300
Women's Training Home, N. Y.—Hull	300
St. Paul, Minn.—Oliver	300
San Antonio, Tex.—Maxey	275
Womens' Training Home, Chicago—Dorn	275
Cheyenne, Wyo.—Martin	275
Ashland, Wis.—Remmers	265
Albany, N. Y.—Wall	260
Columbus, O.—Richards	260
Butler, Pa.—Lindstrom	255
Brooklyn 1.—Simonson	250
Somerville 1, Mass.—Weiler	250
Colorado Springs, Col.—Hamilton	250
Little Rock, Ark.—Bockstette	250
Punxsutawney, Pa.—Hughes	250
San Francisco 2, Cal.—Barbe	250
Birmingham, Ala.—Vredenburg	250
Eureka, Cal.—Bamberry	250
Troy, N. Y.—Wiseman	250
Portland, Me.—Crosby	250
Kansas City 4.—Hickman	250
Omaha 1.—Crawford	250
Atlanta, Ga.—McFetridge	250
Chicago 2 Slum Post—Anderson	230
Akron, O.—Jaeger	226
New York 4, N. Y.—Campbell	225
San Francisco 4, Cal.—Carson	225
Stockton, Cal.—Clemo	225
Tacoma 1, Wash.—Kettle	225
Vallejo, Cal.—World	225
Franklin, Pa.—Douglas	225
Uniontown, Pa.—Trevitt	225
Chattanooga, Tenn.—Young	225
Ogden, Utah.—Carrington	225
Guthrie, O. T.—Whitson	225
Wheeling, W. Va.—Miller	216
Springfield, Ill.—Mullally	215
Portland 1, Ore.—Roberts	215
Baltimore 1.—Savage	215
...ston, W. Va.—Wealthall	206
...Wash.—Bulkema	206
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PACIFIC COAST PROVINCE.

Honolulu	820	Pocatello, Ida	150
San Francisco 6	810	Phoenix, Ariz	150
Seattle 1, Wash	700	Walla Walla, Wash	150
Oakland, Cal	550	Tucson, Ariz	150
Salt Lake City	500	Bakersfield, Cal	150
Los Angeles 2, Cal	400	San Luis Obispo	140
Los Angeles 1	400	San Francisco 9	140
Boise City, Idaho	350	Baker City, Ore	135
San Francisco 1	300	Astoria, Ore	130
Portland 4, Ore	300	N. Yakima, Wash	125
Sacramento 1, Cal	300	Merced, Cal	125
San Francisco 3	300	Koloa, H. I	125
San Francisco 2	250	Hilo, H. I	125
Eureka, Cal	250	Grass Valley, Cal	125
Stockton, Cal	225	Santa Ana, Cal	125
Tacoma, Wash	225	Prescott, Ariz	120
Vallejo, Cal	225	Salinas, Cal	115
Ogden, Utah	225	Napa, Cal	110
San Francisco 4	225	Santa Barbara, Cal	110
Portland 1, Ore	215	Riverside, Cal	105
Seattle 2, Wash	200	Wailuku, H. I	100
San Diego, Cal	205	Santa Rosa, Cal	100
San Quentin, Cal	200	San Bernardino	100
Fresno, Cal	175	Aberdeen, Wash	100
Portland 1, Ore	175	Chico, Cal	100
Marysville, Cal	165	Redlands, Cal	100
Pendleton, Ore	160	Berkeley, Cal	100
San Jose	150	Corvallis, Ore	100

OHIO, KENTUCKY AND SOUTHERN PROVINCE.

Cincinnati 1, O	365	Huntington, W. Va	206
Cleveland 2, O	310	Youngston, O	205
Cleveland 1, O	300	Mansfield, O	205
Columbus, O	260	E. Liverpool, O	200
Birmingham, Ala	250	Pittsburg 1, Pa	200
Atlanta, Ga	250	Homestead, Pa	200
Akron, O	226	Tampa, Tenn	200
Chattanooga, Tenn	225	Charleroi, Pa	200
Uniontown, Pa	225	Dayton, O	161
Wheeling, W. Va	216	Painesville, O	150

MIDLAND PROVINCE.

St. Louis 1, Mo	1111	Aurora, Ill	100
St. Joseph, Mo	500	Richmond, Mo	100
Little Rock, Ark	250	Peoria, Ill	100
E. St. Louis, Ill	225	Fort Smith, Ark	100
Springfield, Ill	215	Brigade No. 2	100
Hot Springs, Ark	200	Murphysboro, Ill	100
Joplin, Mo	150	Brigade 1	100
Springfield, Mo	102	Brigade 2	100
Pana, Ill	100	Brigade 3	100
Danville, Ill	100	Rock Island, Ill	100
St. Louis 2	100	Pierce City, Mo	100
Quincy, Ill	100	Brigade 4	100

WESTERN NEW YORK PROVINCE.

Buffalo 1, N. Y	500	Reynoldsville, Pa	125
Sharon, Pa	400	Titusville, Pa	125
Butler, Pa	255	Little Falls	115
Punxsutawney, Pa	250	Titusville, Pa	110
Franklin, Pa	225	Olean, N. Y	100
Bradford, Pa	202	Canandaigua, N. Y	100
Du Bois, Pa	200	Meadville, Pa	100
Glens Falls, N. Y	175	Fulton, N. Y	100
Oil City, Pa	175	Kittanning, Pa	100
Schenectady, N. Y	150	Hornellsville, N. Y	100
Bellefonte, Pa	150	Kane, Pa	100
Rochester, N. Y	125	Saratoga, N. Y	100
Canandaigua, N. Y	125		

SOUTHWESTERN PROVINCE.

Galveston, Tex	300	Orange, Tex	150
San Antonio, Tex	275	Topeka, Kan	150
Kansas City 4, Kan	250	Iola, Kan	130
Guthrie, O. T	225	Shawnee, O. T	130
Dallas, Tex	200	Beaumont, Tex	125
Kansas City 1, Kan	200	Fort Worth, Tex	125
Houston, Tex	200	Kansas City 3, Kan	125
Oklahoma City, O.T	175	Lake Charles, Ia	125

W's for April's wet weather
That's supposed to make things grow;
Oh, may it just rain pitchforks
On them 202!

Pensacola, Fla	150	Mobile, Ala	100
Marietta, O	150	Vicksburg, Miss	100
Ashtabula, O	150	Springfield,	100
Findlay, O	125	Mt. Vernon, O	100
Canton, O	125	Lima, O	100
Meridian, Miss	125	Anniston, Ala	100
Toledo, O	125	New Orleans, La	100
Cleveland, O	125	Tampa, Fla	100
Savannah, Ga	125	Zanesville, O	100
Pittsburg 3, Pa	125	Conneaut, O	100
Louisville, Ky	125	Allegheny, Pa	100
Jacksonville, Fla	110	Macon, Ga	100
Massillon, O	100	Gallipolis	100
Parkersburg, W. Va	100	Newark, O	100
Jackson, O	100	Niles, O	100

CHICAGO AND SCANDINAVIAN PROVINCE.

Chicago 6, Ill	200	Chicago 9	102
Chicago 1	200	Chicago 14	100
Chicago 5	185	Chicago 3	100
Chicago 33	150	Divisional H. Q	100
Chicago 22	125		

THE CENTRAL PROVINCE.

Washington, D. C	410	Philadelphia 2	100
New York 1	405	Plainfield, N. J	100
Newark 1, N. J	300	White Plains, N. Y	100
Albany, N. Y	260	Cold Spring, N. Y	100
Brooklyn 1, N. Y	250	Hudson, N. Y	100
Troy, N. Y	250	New York 7	100
New York 4	225	Jersey City 2, N. J	100
Baltimore 1, Md	215	Easton, Pa	100
Middletown, N. Y	205	New York 5	100
New York 9	175	Morristown, N. J	100
Mt. Vernon, N. Y	175	Brigade	100
Perth Amboy, N. J	165	Catskill, N. Y	100
Paterson, N. J	150	Pottstown, Pa	100
New York 3	130	Brooklyn 7	100
Passaic, N. J	130	Hagerstown, Md	100
Poughkeepsie, N. Y	125	Port Jervis, N. Y	100
Petersburg, Va	125	Martinsburg, Va	100
Rondout, N. Y	125	Yonkers, N. Y	100
Lansingburg, N. Y	110	Baltimore 2	100
Philadelphia 6	110	Mechanicsville, N.Y	100

NEW ENGLAND PROVINCE.

Boston 2, Mass	600	Boston 3, Mass	135
Skowhegan, Me	400	Natick, Mass	128
Chelsea, Mass	350	Keene, N. H	125
Portland, Me	250	Laconia, N. H	110
Somerville 1, Mass	250	Concord, N. H	100
Boston 1, Mass	200	Whitman, Mass	100
Cambridge, Mass	200	Milford, Mass	100
Gloucester, Mass	200	Ansonia, Conn	100
Worcester, Mass	200	Bridgeport, Conn	100
New London, Conn	160	Malden, Mass	100
Lawrence, Mass	150	New Bedford, Mass	100
Fall River, Mass	150	Leominster, Mass	100
Providence, R. I	100	Haverhill, Mass	100
Rockland	100		

NORTHWESTERN PROVINCE.

St. Paul, Minn	300	Watertown, S. D	125
Ashland, Wis	265	Rockford, Ill	125
Minneapolis 1	200	Brainerd, Minn	125
Red Jacket, Mich	200	Bemidji	125
Milwaukee, Wis	200	Janesville, Wis	100
Sioux Falls, S. D	200	Eau Claire, Wis	100
Ishpeming, Mich	150	Crookston, Minn	100
Marquette	150	Faribault, Minn	100
Rhinelander, Wis	150	Escanaba, Mich	100
La Crosse	150	Montevideo, Minn	100
Duluth, Minn	150	Antigo, Wis	100
Aberdeen, S. D	135	Marinette, Wis	100
Ironwood, Mich	130		

INDIANA AND MICHIGAN CHIEF DIVISION.

Muncie, Ind	326	Terre Haute, Ind	100
Detroit, Mich	200	Flint, Mich	100
Evansville, Ind	180	Brigade	100
Grand Rapids, Mich	150	Lansing, Mich	100
Port Huron, Mich	135	Marion, Ind	100
Ionia, Mich	125	Michigan City, Ind	100
Muskegon, Mich	110	Big Rapids, Mich	100
Kalamazoo, Mich	100	Petosky, Mich	100
Bay City, Mich	100	Connersville, Ind	100
Indianapolis, Ind	100	Saginaw, Mich	100
Muskegon, Mich	100		

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHIEF DIVISION.

Roswell, N. M	400	Cripple Creek, Col	200
Pueblo, Col	375	Greely, Col	200
Denver, Col	360	Durango	150
Victor, Col	350	Laramie	120
El Paso, Tex	350	Albuquerque	120
Cheyenne, Wyo	275	Fort Collins, Col	100
Colorado Springs	250		

SLUM DIVISION.

New York 1	400	Chicago 1	150
Chicago 2, Ill	230	Baltimore, Md	125
New York 5	200	Philadelphia 2	110
Boston 2, Mass	175	New York 3	100
New York 2	175	Newark, N. J	100
Cincinnati, O	160	Philadelphia 1, Pa	100
Providence, R. I	150	Milwaukee, Wis	100

MIDWESTERN CHIEF DIVISION.

Omaha 1, Neb	250	Des Moines, Ia	125
Muscatine, Ia	200	F. Waterloo, Ia	125
Ottumwa, Ia	180	Hastings, Neb	105
Beatrice, Neb	155		

Sioux City, Ia	100	Marshalltown	100
Burlington, Ia	100	Davenport, Ia	100
Lincoln, Neb	100	Fort Dodge, Ia	100
Mason City, Ia	100	Brigade 1	100
Le Mars, Ia	100		

TRAINING HOMES.

W.T.H., New York	300	W.T.H., Chicago	275
M. T. H., Chicago	300	M. T. H., New York	200

COMPETITION NOTES.

BY "OPTIC."

Now, maybe you think you could make an alphabet better'n the one I am just finishin', and I suppose you could. It's hard work for me, 'cause poetry never did run in our family, but it ain't no harder than gettin' some of these corps to sell 100 War Crys. That's harder than poetry. Oh, how glad I will be when the last of this alphabet is done! but not more glad that that day that's comin' on. I mean the day when there will not be a single corps in the land but what sells at least 100 Crys. Oh, hasten, joyful day!

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The past week has been a rather good one. With the exception of two provinces all go upward. Well done, all of you!

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Just think where we would be if all of 'em was in the list!

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I thought you would like to know who is them that are still selling less than 100. I am sure you will be surprised when I inform you there are 202 of 'em. Well, here they are:

TWO HUNDRED AND TWO CORPS WHICH SELL LESS THAN 100 CRYS PER WEEK.

Chicago 9	90	Weatherford, O. T	60
Chicago 3 Slums	90	Hanford, Cal	60
Alva, O. T	85	Koloa, H. I	60
Pontiac, Mich	85	Pasadena, Cal	60
The Dalles, Ore	85	Pomona, Cal	60
Chicago 2	85	Redlands, Cal	60
Corning, N. Y	85	Morrison, Ill	55
St. Johns, Mich	85	Adrian, Mich	55
S. Manchester, Ct	80	Johnstown, Pa	55
Camden, N. J	80	Philadelphia 5	55
Chester, Pa	80	Philadelphia 9	55
Globe, Ariz	80	New Haven, Conn	52
Petaluma, Cal	80	Brownwood, Tex	50
Hamilton, O	80	Emporia, Kan	50
Norwalk, O	80	Greenville, Tex	50
Newark 7, N. J	75	Muskogee, I. T	50
Newark, N. J. Slums	75	Rock Island, Ill	50
Bridgeton, N. J	75	St. Louis 6, Mo	50
Canon City, Col	75	St. Louis 7, Mo	50
Utica, N. Y	75	Sedalia, Mo	50
Augusta, Me	75	Charleston, Ill	50
Philadelphia 16	75	Jacksonville, Ill	50
Stapleton, S. I	75	Joliet, Ill	50
Dover, N. J	75	Council Bluffs, Ia	50
Binghamton, N. Y	75	Freemont, Neb	50
Trenton, N. J	75	Grinnell, Ia	50
Philadelphia 1	75	Oelwein, Ia	50
Hannibal, Mo	75	Alton, Ill	50
Bloomington, Ill	75	Dekalb, Ill	50
Streator, Ill	75	Decatur, Ill	50
San Angelo, Tex	75	Galesburg, Ill	50
Texarkana, Tex	75	Racine, Wis	50
Ada, I. T	75	Worthington, Minn	50
Ardmore, I. T	75	Belvidere, Ill	50
Aberdeen, Wash	75	Chicago 4	50
Centralia, Wash	75	Chicago 8	50
Hoquiam, Wash	75	Traverse City, Mich	50
Pacific Grove, Cal	75	Charlotte, Mich	50
Salem, Ore	75	Franklin, Ind	50
Beloit, Wis	75	Albion, Mich	50
Oskaloosa, Ia	75	New Kensington, Pa	50
Atlantic, Ia	75	Wooster, O	50
Boone, Ia	75	Knoxville, Tenn	50
Correctionville, Ia	75	Salem, Mass	50
Clinton, Ia	75	Bowling Green, O	50
W. Superior, Wis	75	Bristol, Tenn	50
Brigade, Portland	75	Lynn, Mass	50
Huron, S. D	75	Manchester, N. H	50
Monmouth, Ill	75	Meriden, Conn	50
Mitchell, S. D	75	Middletown, Conn	50
Gaylord, Mich	75	N. Adams, Mass	50
Kokomo, Ind	75	Rochester, N. H	50
Salem, O	75	Newburyport, Mass	50
Columbus, Ga	75	Placerville, Cal	50
Frankfort, Ky	75	La Grande, Ore	50
Fairmount, W.Va	75	Waxahachie, Tex	50
Ashland, O	75	Berkeley, Cal	50
Austin, Tex	75	Visalia, Cal	50
Waterbury, Conn	75	Boston 1 Slums	50
Pawtucket, R. I	75	Fort Collins, Col	50
Portsmouth, N. H	75	Asbury Park, N. J	50
Middleboro, Mass	75	Amsterdam, N. Y	50
Bristol, R. I	70	Portland, N. Y	50
Albert Lee, Minn	70	Scranton, Pa	50
Newburg, N. Y	65	Pen Argyl, Pa	50
Jersey City 1	65	Brooklyn 9, N. Y	50
Centralia, Ill	65	Syracuse, N. Y	50
Owego, N. Y	65	Gloversville, N. Y	50
Crocket, Cal	65	Philadelphia 4	50
Bangor, Me	65	Burlington, N. J	50
Oregon City, Ore	65	Peekskill, N. Y	50
Morgantown, W.Va	65	Elizabeth, N. J	50
Lonaconing, Md	65	Nashville, Tenn	40
Sherman, Tex	65	Ottawa, Kan	40
Cheboygan, Mich	64	Cincinnati 5, O	40
Beverly, Mass	60	Towanda, Pa	40
Cleveland, O. Slums	60	Penn Yan, N. Y	35
Springfield, Mass	60	Stroud	35
St. Norwalk, Conn	60	Vacaville, Cal	35
Allianz, O	60	Welser, Ida	30
Huntsville, Al	60	Washington, Pa	30
Jackson, Mich	60	Corvalis	30
Owosso, Mich	60	Millville, N. J	30
Blue Earth City	60	Higginsville, Mo	30
Wilkesbarre, Pa	60	W. Medway, Mass	30
Bethlehem, Pa	60	Lexington, Mo	30
Elmira, N. Y	60	Kirksville, Mo	30
Philadelphia 3	60	Ottawa, Ill	25
Santa Cruz, Cal	60	Canton, Ill	25
Cumberland, Md	60	Amity, Col	25
Hyde Park, Mass	60	Red Bluff, Cal	25
Norristown, Pa	60	Jonesboro, Ark	25
Jamestown, N. Y	60	New York 11	25
Redding, Mich	60	Vineland, N. J	24
Hoopeston, Ill	60	Hot Springs	20
Redwood Falls, Minn	60	Holyoke, Mass	20
Macomb, Ill	60	Big Lake, Minn	24
Waitsburg, Wash	60	Ukiah, Cal	15
Hutchinson, Kan	60	Altoona, Pa	14
Mangum, O. T	60	Grant's Pass, Ore	10
Wichita, Kan	60	San Francisco 11	10

A Brave Fight Waged

Against Sin and Half-Heartedness.

Staff-Captain and Mrs. Erikson, in Charge of the Fort Romie Colony, California.

DALLAS, TEX.—The Salvation Army work in this city has made wonderful progress during the past year. Adjutant and Mrs. Cowan and Ensign Zedau have been in command about fourteen months, and in that time they have made something like forty or fifty soldiers, and we have had several hundred souls. Several promising officers have gone in the field from this corps. They have a beautiful tent in the heart of the city, where enormous crowds gather nightly, both in the tent and the open-air meetings, to listen to the story of the Cross. It is quite a cosmopolitan crowd, and the usual sight is the well-dressed man standing by the side of the poor bum, drinking in the words of song and testimony, for all classes hear The Salvation Army in Dallas. The work has received a great impetus since the General was with us, all prejudice of whatever character being swept away. Dallas is putting in its first Social institution, a Workingmen's Hotel, which is being worked in connection with the Self-Denial effort.—Sergeant-Major A. W. H.

ELIZABETH, N. J.—Wednesday night Captains Coyne and Saunders, in charge of Plainfield, N. J., and some of their soldiers, paid our corps a visit. We had two fine open-airs and a big march and good indoor meeting. The collection was also a help. Captain Keller is having some interesting experiences in this town. Saturday night, as he was selling War Crys, a man in a saloon urged him to go with him, and he led him to a house where eleven men and women were drinking and having a gay time together. The Captain prayed and talked with them, and believes that good will be done.—A Friend, for Captain and Mrs. Keller.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y.—We have had a visit from our D.O., Major Barter. The hall was nicely decorated, and the Major certainly gave a fine talk on the talents. Three bright recruits were enrolled, making ten in four months.—H. E., for Ensign and Mrs. Waldron.

Adjutant Alice Derrick and Captain Annie Eastwood, Bristol, R. I.

ANTHON, IA.—This town has had a ten-days' visit from Envoy and Mrs. Barrett, from Cherokee, Ia. It was a blood-and-fire revival from start to finish. Both open-air and indoor meetings were largely attended. Fourteen persons left the ranks of the devil to enlist as soldiers of Christ and were happily saved. Praise the Lord! The Methodist Church, in which the meetings were held, rang with shouts of victory. The Envoy and his wife are forging to the front as soul-winners. Jesus is mighty to save! Bless His name!—T. C. Taylor, Pastor M. E. Church.

CHARLOTTE, MICH.—Wonderful week-end meetings were led by Brigadier B. B. Cox, assisted by her A. D. C., Staff-Captain Yoder. Saturday evening one soul knelt at the mercy-seat. Sunday evening the Brigadier spoke in the Congregational Church to an audience of over 700 people. Last night two backsliders came back to God.—Captain and Mrs. McMillan.

CATSKILL, N. Y.—We have had another week of blessing and victory here, and also at our outpost, Saugerties, which resulted in the salvation of three precious souls and the sanctification of another. Last Friday the officers went to our outpost and held a meeting, which resulted in two conversions. It was a heart-searching time, and a season of much blessing to officers, soldiers and friends. At the holiness meeting on Sunday morning two souls came to Jesus for perfect deliverance.—A Soldier, for Ensign Coup.

BELOIT, WIS.—On Sunday, March 29th, we had a grand holiness meeting, with the joy of seeing one soul crying to God for pardon. In the afternoon we had a fine open-air, followed by an inside meeting, in which the power of God came down and turned the meeting into a consecration meeting. Twenty-one persons consecrated themselves to God. The night meeting was another time of rejoicing. Two more souls made a start for the Kingdom. Glory to God.—One Who Was There.

ST. PAUL, MINN.—Since you heard from us last we have been fighting hard for souls and soldiers. Last Sunday Mrs. Brigadier Stillwell and Mrs. Major Waite were with us. One soul came to God in the meeting. Four recruits were sworn in. Six months ago we sold 100 Crys, and we are now raising our order to 300. We praise God for improvement all round. Some of our soldiers have already raised their Self-Denial target.—W. B. P., for Ensign and Mrs. Oliver.

PAWTUCKET, R. I.—Seventeen souls have recently come to God for salvation and holiness. We are having wonderful meetings. The Rev. J. H. Clark, of Middleboro, Mass., was with us for a week-end. He preached full salvation, and at the close of the meeting three souls sought and found it.—Sergeant-Major J. Connors.

POTTSTOWN, PA.—We have lately had some wonderful meetings. The Lord has been with us under all circumstances. We have just had a visit from Sergeant-Major Willmur, of Philadelphia 6, accompanied by Brother and Sister Smith, the saved prize fighter and his wife. Our finances are O. K., and open-airs good.—A Friend, for Captain and Mrs. Smith.

PITTSBURG 1, PA.—Our week-end meetings have been a great success. We expect our Self-Denial effort to beat all previous records. Staff-Captain Tanner, of the Rescue Home, was with us Sunday afternoon, and gave a good talk. The night meeting was led by Adjutant Dennis and Captain Harker. The hall was packed, and the power of God could be felt as the meeting advanced. Some who were convicted got up and left the meeting, but we believe they will return and give themselves to God. A man and his wife came out and sought God together.—A Friend, for Officers in Charge.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—The Princess Rink Band of Chicago spent the week-end, March 28th and 29th, with us. From the time they arrived—5 p. m. Saturday—until they left on Monday at 5 a. m., they were busy, with the exception of the little time spent in eating and sleeping. Milwaukee people were glad to see them, and showed it in a practical way. Saturday night Sargent's restaurant gave the eighteen boys their supper; the Windsor and St. Charles hotels entertained several of them over Sunday, and comrades took care of the rest. Their engagements were as follows: Saturday, 7.30 p. m., street meeting; 8 p. m., meeting at Y. M. C. A. hall; Sunday, 10.15 a. m., street meeting; 11 a. m., praise meeting, Y. M. C. A. hall; 2.30 p. m., street meeting; 3.30 men's meeting at Y. M. C. A. hall; 7.15 p. m., street meeting; 8.45 p. m. salvation rally and good-bye meeting, Calvary Presbyterian Church. Results so far as observed: Good crowds inside, tremendous crowds on the street; expense of about $90 paid, and $25 pledged for Self-Denial. Secretary Willis, of the Y. M. C. A., did his utmost to make their visit a blessing to the city. Sunday afternoon he asked the audience for a good collection. Cash and promises amounted to $40. The Y. M. C. A. hall was given us rent free, and at the Monthly Committee Tea, given on Monday night, I was invited to be present, and given the privilege of speaking of God's saving and keeping grace in my own life. The secretary and others said many nice things about the band boys and The Salvation Army in general. Dr. Kiehle, of the Calvary Presbyterian Church, was all kindness, turning over his large church to us for the Sunday night meeting.—Staff-Captain Egner.

SOUTH MANCHESTER, CONN.—We have closed another week-end campaign with victory perched on our banners. Brigadier Lamb and Lieutenant Widgery were with us. The occasion of their visit was to launch the Self-Denial effort, dedicate two babies, and conduct the service at night in the Congregational Church. The morning holiness meeting was a time of blessing and power. Two brothers surrendered to God. In the afternoon we had sixty-six soldiers on the march, and over 400 people inside who had gathered to witness the dedication of Adjutant and Mrs. Atkinson's and Adjutant and Mrs. Gale's babies, Edna Frances Atkinson and Grace Frances Gale. At the close of the meeting two came forward and prayed to be restored to the joy of God's salvation. At night the Congregational Church was well filled, and the pastor gave us a cordial welcome. An offering was taken to help us with our Self-Denial effort. The Brigadier's subject was taken from Matt. 21: 20, "Son, go work to-day in my vineyard."—Adjutant and Mrs. Gale.

BOSTON 2 SLUM POST, MASS.—Some hard fighting has been done at this post, and God has given us many victories. In the past six weeks some backsliders have come back to the Saviour, and twenty-five souls at the mercy-seat have found pardon for their sins. Some of the converts come to the open-air every evening.—B. G., for Officers in Charge.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—We are fighting on in the strength of our King, and have seen four souls won to Him during the past week. There was a $300,000 fire close by us this week, and we took care of the firemen; worked all night serving them with hot coffee and cake.—A Comrade, for Ensign and Mrs. Croft.

MORRISTOWN, N. J.—We have seen six souls profess conversion the week ending March 29th.—E. Warner, Captain.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COL.—Things are on the boom at this corps. Last Sunday, March 29th, we had a splendid time, beginning with knee-drill at 7 o'clock, followed by open-air at 10; holiness meeting in the hall. We had another good open-air at 2 p. m. The crowd listened attentively for nearly an hour. In the afternoon meeting five juniors were sworn in by Ensign Hamilton. Four souls came to God during the day.—A Comrade.

Captain and Mrs. Chorn and Bro. Poston, Ottumwa, Ia.

WATERTOWN, S. D.—God has made His power felt here, and we have had some blessed times since our last report. Last Saturday night four lassies in hallelujah bonnets were sworn in, and promised to be true to The Army till death. They are all determined to offer themselves for the work, that they may become more effective workers for God. Two brothers were also added to our roll—one a colored boy, and the other the father of our former sergeant-major, now in the Training Home. Ten soldiers in all have been sworn in since the coming of Ensign and Mrs. Jeffries. May God bless them! One local officer has been commissioned, and the work advanced on all lines. It is encouraging to note the interest taken in The Army by the business men of this place. Not only have the officers of the law come out boldly on our side, but the business men generally have helped and encouraged us. The newspapers are also friendly. We had with us during a recent week-end Brother Cowden from Henry, who, by the way, is a soldier of that corps. His presence was a help to us, and his banjo playing and singing were much enjoyed by all.—Sergeant-Major Ellis, for Officers in Charge.

ROCKFORD, ILL.—Since our last report God has blessed us, and souls have been saved. Our Self-Denial effort is being taken up with special spirit and zeal, and the corps target will be smashed. Last Sunday night two souls came forward, and after a desperate struggle got victory through the Blood of Jesus. "Go on" is still our motto.—W. C. R.

LITTLE FALLS, N. Y.—Since our last report to the Cry we have seen thirty-five conversions, and have made seventeen Senior soldiers, three Junior soldiers, five Band of Love members, one corps cadet, and three candidates. On March 4th we had a visit from our beloved P. O., Lieut.-Colonel McIntyre, and his sister, Adjutant McIntyre. The Colonel swore in four soldiers, and six persons knelt at the mercy-seat.—Captain and Mrs. Coy.

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